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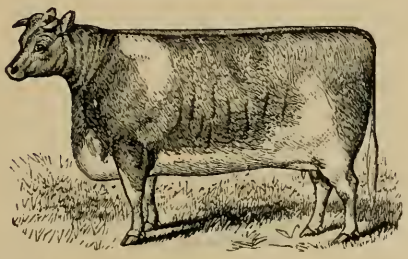

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1. Every member of the Conference is expected to be in his place and answer to his name at roll-call on the first and each subsequent day, and remain during the transaction of business, unless called away and excused; and he shall have his statistics ready for presentation on the first morning.

2. Any member who desires to speak on any subject shall rise in his place and address the chair, and speak only with the permission of the chair, and not longer than ten minutes, unless by consent of the Conference, and not the second time until all who wish have spoken.

3. It shall not be in order to interrupt any member while speaking, unless for the purpose of explanation, or on claim of misrepresentation, or to raise a point of order, and only then by leave of the chair.

4. Motions shall take precedence in the following order, viz: to lay on the table; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone to a given time; to re-commit; to amend; to substitute for, and to take the previous question; and motions to lay on the table, to postpone, and the previous question, shall not be debatable.

5. Whenever a point of order is raised, he who makes it shall, if desired, reduce it to writing; and all motions, resolutions and reports of committees, shall be written and presented in duplicate, unless the secretaries agree to waive this rule.

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A. The committee to examine each class shall consist of four members, and at least two of these shall be re-appointed to aid in examining the same class the next year.

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D. The answers shall be marked on a scale of figures from 0 to 10—6 indicating a passable examination—and the examiners shall, in their reports, specify the grade in each study as well as the average; and any candidate failing to reach the grade of six in any study, or to read any book specified in the course, shall be continued for re-examination in that defiency, and it shall be at the option of the examiners to refuse to examine any one who fails to be present at the appointed time.

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Nashville, F. L. Thomson.....1
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Summary of Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1—Who are received, by transfer, and from what Conference?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION 2—Who are admitted on trial?

ANSWER—John T. Huffman, Charles E. Parker, Lafayette C. Wilkin, Fletcher L. West, Josiah G. Harmon.

QUESTION 3—Who remain on trial?

ANSWER—Jabez B. House, Wm. H. Pierce, Daniel Orr, Wm. W. Edwards, Wm. E. Tilroe, Joseph W. Britton, Wm. G. Hale, John D. Hennessey, Benj. A. Hoar, Jacob A. Leatherman, John F. Harmon.

QUESTION 4—Who are discontinued?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION 5—Who are admitted into full connection?

ANSWER—Ruben E. Pierce, Daniel J. Little, Jas. H. Bennett, Robt. E. Mathis, John H. Jones, James W. McIntosh, John W. Jackson, Wm. R. Bradley, Silas P. Chapin, Alexander W. Van Houten, John L. Vallow.

QUESTION 6—Who are re-admitted?

ANSWER—James D. Crenshaw, Edmund Barns.

QUESTION 7—Who are received on credentials from other Churches?

ANSWER—None.

QUESTION 8—What traveling preachers have been elected deacons?

ANSWER—Ruben E. Pierce, Robert E. Mathis, John H. Jones, Alexander W. Van Houten, W. R. Bradley, J. L. Vallow.

QUESTION 9—What traveling preachers have been ordained deacons?

ANSWER—Ruben E. Pierce, Robert E. Mathis, John H. Jones, Alexander W. Van Houten, J. L. Vallow, W. R. Bradley.

QUESTION 10—What local preachers have been elected deacons?

ANSWER—A. P. Sharp, Price A. Crow, Horace N. McKee, Alexander P. Holloway, John Harris, John F. Harmon.

QUESTION 11—What local preachers have been ordained deacons?

ANSWER—A. P. Sharp, Price A. Crow, Horace N. McKee, Alexander P. Holloway, John Harris.

QUESTION 12—Who are the traveling deacons of the first class?

ANSWER—Ruben E. Pierce, Robert E. Mathis, John H. Jones, Alexander W. Van Houten, John L. Vallow, Jas. H. Bennett, Silas P. Chapin, John W. Jackson.

QUESTION 13—Who are the traveling deacons of the second class?

ANSWER—Luther E. Cole, Wm. T. Morris, James W. Morris, Frank W. Downs.

QUESTION 14—What traveling deacons have been elected elders?
ANSWER—Wm. H. Mulvaney, Joseph Van Clear, Robert P. Hammons, F. W. Loy.
QUESTION 15—What traveling deacons have been ordained elders?
ANSWER—Wm. H. Mulvaney. Joseph VanCleve, Robert P. Hammons, Frank W. Loy, Lemuel Cramp.
QUESTION 16—What local deacons have been elected elders?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 17—What local deacons have been ordained elders?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 18—Who are the supernumerary preachers?
ANSWER—O. V. Jones, E. Joy, L. S. Walker, E. M. Glasgow, E. Treadgold, G. W. Wilson, G. M. Whitzell, A. B. Morrison, G. W. Butler, C. H. Kirkbride, W. H. Tyner, J. Hobbs, N. E. Harmon.
QUESTION 19—Who are the superannuated preachers?
ANSWER—J. Gillham, R. Randle, D. Oglesby, J. B. Woolard, G. W. Cullom, D. Elam, T. N. Johnson, J. H. Hill, A. Bliss, J. P. Dew, J. Gibson, E. Lathrop, C. J. T. Tolle, Hiram Sears, J. W. Lowe, W. B. Bruner, A. L. Downey.
QUESTION 20—Was the character of each preacher examined?
ANSWER—It was, the name of each being called in open Conference.
QUESTION 21—Have any died?
ANSWER—G. W. Farmer, John T. Johnson.
QUESTION 22—Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?
ANSWER—Chas. B. Larrabee, Southeast Indiana Conference; P. C. Bascom, Newark Conference; D. W. Phillips, Southwest Kansas Conference; A. B. Rohrbough, West Virginia Conference.
QUESTION 23—Have any withdrawn?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 24—Have any been located at their own request?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 25—Have any been located?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 26—Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 27—Have any been expelled?
ANSWER—None.
QUESTION 28—Who are selected for triers of Appeals?
ANSWER—J. Earp, W. F. Davis, J.W. Nall, V. D. Lingenfelter, J. A. Scarritt, O. H. Clark.
QUESTION 29—What is the statistical report for this Conference year?
ANSWER—See statistical tables.
QUESTION 30—What are the claims on the Conference fund?
ANSWER—$4,000.
QUESTION 31—What has been received on these claims, and how have they been applied?
ANSWER—$2,502.24. See Steward's Report.
QUESTION 32—Where are the preachers stationed?
ANSWER—See list of appointments.
QUESTION 33—Where shall the next Conference be held?
ANSWER—Edwardsville, Madison County, Illinois.

CONFERENCE * ANNIVERSARIES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.—Held its annual meeting Sept. 25, at 3 P. M. After devotional exercises by G. W. Waggoner, M. House in the chair, J. W. Flint, Corresponding Secretary read the minutes of last session, which were adopted. The treasurer, A. B. Rohrbough, read his report showing receipts $229.76, being an increase of $1.67. M. P. Wilkin of Ills. Conf. was introduced and addressed the society.

TRACT SOCIETY.—Met Sept. 25 at 3 P. M. After the Anniversary of the S. S. Union the Recording Secretary read the nomination of Officers and Managers and they were elected. W. W. Edwards, Treasurer, made report showing the amount received, $213.11. Increase, $1.89. R. H. Manier addressed the society.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Held its anniversary Sept. 25. Devotional exercises conducted by B. R. Pierce. The president J. A. Robinson took the chair. The Recording Secretary, V. C. Evers, of last meeting read the minutes which were adopted. The Treasurer, J. W. Flint, read report of the money received, $7663.05. Increase over last year, $498.95. T. J. Scott, Missionary to India, addressed the society. Dr. J. A. Robinson read an excellent paper on the subject of missions.

FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY—Met Sept. 24. G. W. Waggoner presided. Levi Walker conducted devotional exercises. J. W. VanCleve, Treasurer, made report of the amount received during the year. J. B. Thompson, Recording Secretary, read the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, and they were elected. Dr. Allyn addressed the society, after which Dr. R S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary, delivered a stirring address.

WOMANS' FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Held its annual meeting in the Presbyterian church, Sept. 25. Mrs. N. E. Powers conducted the religious services; Rev. T. J. Scott, a returned missionary from India, delivered an address. Report of the work in Southern Illinois Conference by Mrs. M. E. Slade, Conference Secretary, showing $1,050.16 raised.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION—Held its Anniversary Sept. 26, J. F. Watson in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by R. H. Manier. Treasurer reported $2,075.26 collected, being an increase of $1,263.29. Dr. J. W. Locke delivered a masterly speech in behalf of the cause.

EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY—Met Sept. 27. Held its Anniversary. J. D. Gillham, president, in the chair. J. L. Wallar conducted the devotional exercises. Joseph Harris, Treasurer, read report. Received $1,047.42, increase $423.25. Wm. Wallis read the nominations of Officers and they were elected. Dr. H. B. Ridgway of Garret Biblical Institute addressed the Society.

THE CONFERENCE TEMPERANCE SOCIETY held its second Anniversary, J. W. VanCleve in the chair. Addresses that elicted much discussion were delivered by Dr. J. A. Robinson and J. L. Wallar.

THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON was preached by R. M. Carter. In connection with the sessions of the Conference, sermons were preached by brethren J. W. Field and F. M. VanTreese. The Bishop preached a sermon of great beauty and power, on Sunday, at 11 o'clock, on the Truth and Power of the Gospel; at night Dr. Ridgway of Garrett Biblical Institute preached on the Hidden Power of the Gospel.

THE CONFERENCE LOVE FEAST was held on Sabbath afternoon, G. W. Waggoner conducting the opening services. Many availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing for Christ. At the close a collection was taken up for the widows of our superannuates amounting to $42.49.

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FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1884.

The Southern Illinois Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened for its thirty-third session at Fairfield, Illinois, Wednesday morning September 24th, 1884, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The formal opening was preceded by devotional exercises of half an hour, led by J. B. Thompson.

O. H. Clark informed the Conference that Bishop Foster had not arrived. J. Earp was nominated for president *pro tem.*, and on motion the Secretary of the Conference was authorized to cast the ballot of the Conference for him. Bro. Earp then took the chair. He called T. A. Eaton forward to conduct the opening religious exercises, which was done by reading from 1st Peter, 2d chapter, and singing a part of the 1st Hymn, after which he led the Conference in prayer.

F. M. Van Treese, the Secretary of the last session of the Conference, called the roll, and the following members then or subsequently answered to their name:

R. Allyn,	V. C. Evers,	L. S. Walker,
N. Bascom,	R. Z. Fahs,	S. Walker,
F. O. Blair,	J. W. Field,	F. W. Loy,
A. Bliss,	J. W. Flint,	J. H. McGriff,
C. W. Bonner,	J. W. Franklin,	W. McMorrow,
J. J. Boyer,	J. D. Gillham,	R. H. Manier,
W. B. Bruner,	E. M. Glasgow,	H. Manifold,
J. W. Baine,	S. P. Groves,	R. H. Massey,
J. W. Caldwell,	Silas Green,	T. J. Massey,
R. M. Carter,	R. M. Gwinn,	D. Moore,
L. Casey.	J. A. Hampton,	W. H. Mulvaney,
D. Caughlin,	L. A. Harper,	W. T. Morris,
O. H. Clark,	J. Harris,	J. W. Morris,
N. B. Cooksey,	T. H. Herdman,	J. W. Nall,
L. Cramp.	J. H. Hill,	C. Nash,
L. F. Crow,	E. A. Hoyt,	D. Oglesby,
N. Crow,	M. House,	J. T. Pender,

J. L. Cunningham,
L. E. Cole,
W. F. Davis,
T. J. Davis,
J. G. Dee,
H. A. Doty,
A. L. Downey,
F. W. Downs,
J. Earp,
L. C. English,
J. P. Rutherford,
C. W. Sabine,
J. A. Scarritt,
G. W. Seawthon,
H. Sears,
G. A. Seed,
A. Snell,
N. Stauffer,
J. B. Thompson,
F. L. Thomson,
T. F. Houts,
R. P. Hammons,
T. N. Johnson,
M. L. King,
H. H. Keith,
J. Laird,
J. Leeper,
C. D. Lingenfelter,
V. D. Lingenfelter,
N. H. Lee,
J. W. Locke,
L. W. Thrall,
W. Tilroe,
C. J. T. Tolle,
J. W. VanCleve,
W. VanCleve,
J. VanCleve,
F. M. Van Treese,
G. W. Waggoner,
B. R. Pierce,
J. W. Phillips,
M. N. Powers,
R. Randle,
A. Ransom,
J. B. Ravenscroft,
W. E. Ravenscroft,
J. D. Reeder,
J. R. Reed,
J. B. Reynolds,
J. A. Robinson,
A. B. Rohrbough,
E. Root,
J. L. Wallar,
W. Wallis,
C. P. Wilson,
G. W. Wilson,
J. B. Woolard,
J. P. Yungling.

F. M. Van Treese was elected Secretary by acclamation, and in like manner J. D. Gillham, Wm. Wallis and J. B. Thompson, were chosen Assistant Secretaries.

E. A. Hoyt was elected Statistical Secretary and C. P. Wilson, H. A. Doty, J. Van Cleve and J. T. Pender were elected assistants.

The Presiding Elders nominated the standing committees, and their report was adopted.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at one seat back of the third window.

Wm. Wallis, Secretary pro tem. of the Songer Endowment Fund, made a report of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was adopted.

The rules of order and the standing resolutions of the last session were adopted for the government of this session.

The call for statistics was made by charges, and the greater number reported.

Dr. Rust, Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, C. D. James, of the Illinois Conference, M. P. Gaddis, of the Cincinnati Conference, T. J. Scott, of the North India Conference, and Bro. Stubbs, of the St. Louis Depository were introduced.

The following brethren were elected treasurers of the Conference funds:

J. W. Van Cleve, Treasurer of the Freedmen's Aid: T. J. Massey, Episcopal Fund: R. E. Mathis, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; F. O. Blair, Bible Cause; V. C. Evers, Minute Fund.

O. H. Clark, from the special committee in the case of the Harrington will, made a report, which was adopted. It was ordered that the certificate of $23.95 be received, and the money appropriated as directed by the will.

M. P. Gaddis addressed the Conference.

Dr. Allyn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That each preacher shall as his name is called on the passage of his character, rise in his place and state how much has been collected in his charge for Conference claimants.

The time of meeting for devotional exercises was fixed at 8:30 A. M., and the adjournment at 11:45 A. M.

Dr. Allyn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference wishing to emphasize our long usage of entire prohibition of the use of tobacco, and to endorse the action of the last General Conference, respectfully request the presiding Bishop not to appoint as Presiding Elder any man who uses tobacco in any form.

A paper from Dr. Rust, of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was presented and read, after which he addressed the Conference. The paper was referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society.

The report of the custodian of the Educational Fund was presented and referred to the Committee on Education.

The twentieth question was taken up:

Was the character of each preacher examined?

After the passage of his character, J. W. Phillips, P. E., of Alton District, made report of his District. After reporting their missionary and Conference claimants collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: C. W. Sabine, J. Earp, W. H. Tyner, R. H. Manier, J. W. Caldwell, J. W. Van Cleve, F. M. Van Treese, N. H. Lee, J. A. Robinson, J. A. Hampton, J. W. Lowe, S. P. Groves, R. Z. Fahs, R. H. Massey and A. Snell. (See Presiding Elder's Rep).

After the passage of his character, T. H. Herdman, P. E. of Lebanon District, made report of his District. (See Presiding Elders' Reports).

After reporting their Missionary and Conference claimants collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: W. F. Davis, V. C. Evers, T. A. Eaton, T. J. Davis, F. L. Thomson, J. P. Rutherford, E. A. Hoyt, Wm. McMorrow, D. Caughlin, J. Hobbs, A. Ransom, D. Moore, S. Walker, J. Harris, F. O. Blair and R. W. Laughlin.

On motion of J. Leeper, a committee was ordered to consider the expediency of appointing an agent for the Songer Educational Fund.

After the passage of his character, W. Van Cleve, P. E. of Mt. Carmel District, made report of his District. After reporting their Missionary and Conference claimants collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: V. D. Lingenfelter, J. W. Field, R. W. Thrall, J. T. Pender, C. P. Wilson, R. M. Carter, A. L. Downey, J. W. Baine and N. Crow.

T. H. Herdman presented historical matter, and asked that a committee be appointed to act in connection with the Secretary and Historical Society of Southern Illinois Conference to enquire into the propriety of publishing the same in the annual minutes. T. A. Eaton, R. Allyn and J. A. Robinson were appointed.

R. H. Manier, B. R. Pierce, J. B. Thompson, J. W. Locke and J. L. Wallar were appointed a committee to enquire into the expediency of the appointment of an agent to increase the Songer Endowment Fund.

Committees were called, announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. H. Hill.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1884.

The conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., preceded by devotional exercises led by D. Caughlin.

Bishop Foster appeared and took the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved. The Bishop addressed the Conference in a few remarks.

The roll of absentees was called.

The Bishop announced the transfer of P. C. Bascom to the Newark Conference.

The characters of W. H. Scott and H. H. Keith were passed.

On motion all papers presented to the Conference were referred to the appropriate committees.

A paper on Episcopal support was presented, read and appropriately referred.

The Conference was authorized to draw on the agents of the Book Concern at New York for $181. Also a draft upon the chartered fund for $30.

The report of the Executive Committee of McKendree College was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. Fry, editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and M. P. Wilkin, of the Illinois Conference, were introduced.

V. C. Evers was elected Recording Secretary.

J. Earp was elected President of the Board of Stewards.

A. B. Rohrbough was granted leave of absence after this morning's session.

The Twentieth Question was resumed. After the passage of his character, C. Nash, P. E. of Mt. Vernon District, made report of his District. After reporting their Missionary and Conference Claim-

ants Collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: W. Wallis, A. B. Rohrbough, J. W. Franklin, J. A. Scarritt, J. W. Flint, J. H. McGriff, G. W. Scawthon, J. Laird, H. A. Doty, J. W. Locke, W. E. Ravenscroft, G. W. Waggoner. M. House, N. B. Cooksey, J. R. Reef, E. Root, R. Allyn, J. D. Gillham and T. F. Houts. (See Presiding Elders' Reports.)

Dr. Fry addressed the Conference in the interest of the Central Christian Advocate.

After the passage of his character, O. H. Clark, P. E. of Olney District, made report of his District. After reporting their Missionary and Conference claimants collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: L. C. English, N. Stauffer, W. Tilroe, M. N. Powers, L. F. Crow, J. B. Ravenscroft, C. D. Lingenfelter, J. P. Yungling, J. G. Dee, J. D. Reeder, N. E. Harmon, G. A. Seed, S. Green, T. J. Massey, P. L. Hooker, J. Weeden. (See Presiding Elders' Reports.)

After the passage of his character, John Leeper, P. E. of Vandalia District, made report of his District. After reporting their Missionary and Conference claimants collections, the characters of the following Elders were passed: L. Casey, B. R. Pierce, J. L. Wallar, J. J. Boyer, L. A. Harper, N. Bascom, J. W. Nall, J. A. Thrapp, J. L. Cunningham, J. B. Reynolds, J. B. Thompson, M. L. King, H. Manifold and A. Bartley. (See Presiding Elders' Reports.)

Rev. E. Bowers, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Enfield, Illinois, was introduced to the Conference.

T. H. Herdman offered the following resolution, which was adopted: *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a committee of five to take into consideration the spiritual wants of what are termed destitute districts within the boundaries of our Conference, and to report to this Conference what should be done for the supply of these wants, and whether a Home Missionary Society should be organized, and if so, to report a plan for such organization.

The Third Question was taken up: *Who remain on trial?* The following brethren, after report of the Committee on Examination, representation by their respective Presiding Elders and approval of character, were continued on trial: J. B. House, W. H. Pierce, Daniel Orr, Wm. W. Edwards, Wm. E. Tilroe, Joseph W. Britton, Wm. G. Hale, John D. Hennessey, Benjamin A. Hoar, Jacob A. Leatherman.

J. A. Leatherman having failed to furnish the committee with the written sermon required, he was instructed to send the sermon to the committee.

The Thirteenth Question was taken up: *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?* After reporting their Missionary and Conference claimants collections, the report of the Committee of Examination, and representation by their Presiding Elders, Luther E. Cole, Wm. T. Morris and James W. Morris were advanced to Deacons of the second class.

The Fourteenth Question was taken up: *What traveling deacons have been elected to Elders' Orders?* The name of Wm. H. Mulvany was called. The Committee of Examination reported, his Presiding Elder represented him, and he was elected to Elders Orders. F. W. Downs' character passed, his Presiding Elder represented him, but not having been before the Committee on Examination, he was continued a Deacon of the second class.

The Eighteenth Question. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?* was taken up. The names of G. M. Whitzell and A. B. Morrison were called, and their case was referred to a Committee of Enquiry, consisting of R. H. Manier, J. W. Nall, M. House, S. Walker and R. H. Massey. The name of G. W. Butler was called, and his relation was continued.

The chairman of the committees was called, announcements were made, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by R. S. Foster.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1884.

Conference convened at 9 o'clock A. M. preceded by a prayer meeting of half an hour led by A. Ransom.

The Bishop took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read, corrected and approved.

Dr. Earl Cranston of the Western Book Concern was introduced, and addressed the Conference on our publishing interests.

The Stewards presented their report which was recommitted.

A collection was taken to pay for the coffin of G. W. Farmer, amounting to $22.74. It was ordered that all of the collection over $20. be placed in the hands of the Stewards.

The committee of inquiry in the case of G. M. Whitzell and A. B. Morrison reported that there was insufficent cause for action, and their characters passed.

The fourteenth question was resumed: *What traveling Deacons have been elected to Elders' Orders?* and Joseph VanCleve, Robert P. Hammons and Frank W. Loy were called. Committee reported.

Their Presiding Elders represented them, their characters were passed, and they were elected to Elder's Orders.

J. T. Pender was added to the Committee on Memoirs.

The report of the Committee on Memoirs was made the order of the day to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.

The fifth question was taken up. *Who are admitted into full connection?* The following brethren were called forward: Daniel J. Little, James H. Bennett, Reuben E. Pierce, Robert E. Mathis, John H. Jones, James W. McIntosh, John W. Jackson, Wm. R. Bradley, Silas P. Chapin, A. W. VanHouton and John L. Vallow. The Bishop addressed the candidates and propounded the usual disciplinary questions. After approval, report of committee on examination and representation by their Presiding Elders, they were admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's Orders, except Daniel J. Little and James W. McIntosh who were already Elders and James H. Bennett, Silas P. Chapin and John W. Jackson, who were already Deacons. John F. Harmon was elected to local Deacon's Orders and he will stand in the class to be received next year having passed examination before the committee. Dr. Robinson was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

Committees were called, announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26, 1884.

Conference convened at 3 o'clock P. M. with J. A. Robinson in the chair.

The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Conference and congregation, and 207 communed. Announcements were made, the Doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by J. A. Robinson.

FOURTH DAY.

SEPTEMBER, 27, 1884.

Conference met at 9 o'clock A. M., preceded by devotional exercises for half an hour, led by B. R. Pierce.

The Bishop appeared and took the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The tenth question was taken up: *What local preachers have been elected deacons?* A. P. Sharp, Price A. Crow, Horace N. McKee, Alexander P. Holloway and John Harris were introduced. After

representation by their presiding elders, the report of the Committee of Examination and their satisfactory answer to the tobacco question, they were elected to Deacon's Orders.

The eighteenth question was taken up: *Who are the supernumerary preachers?* The name of George W. Wilson, Evangelist, was called. After a full and free expression of opinion his relation was continued. O. V. Jones, E. Joy, L. S. Walker, E. M. Glasgow and E. Treadgold were continued in the supernumerary relation. C. W. Bonner was made effective.

The order of the day was taken up and the following memoirs were read: The memoir of Rev. John T. Johnson was read by B. R. Pierce. The memoir of Rev. G. W. Farmer was read by J. B. Thompson. The memoir of Mrs. Mary J. Crenshaw was read by J. T. Pender. The memoir of Mrs. Harriet L. Johnson was read by G. W. Scawthon. The report of the Committee on Memoirs was adopted.

The Committee on Songer Endowment Fund made their report, which was laid over until Monday morning.

The Stewards made the following report, which was adopted:

Book Concern Dividend	$ 181.00
Chartered Fund	30.00
Harrington Will	8.00
Balance of Conference Collection	2.60
Love Feast Collection	42.49
Alton District	302.27
Lebanon District	207.21
Mt. Carmel District	295.30
Mt. Vernon District	294.65
Olney District	760.05
Vandalia District	378.67
Total	$2,502.24

The funds were distributed as follows:

NAME.	AMOUNT.	BY WHOM TAKEN.
Mrs. G. W. Robbins	$140 00	A. Ransom
" C. J. Houts	140.00	C. L. Clannahan
" N. Allyn	140.00	J. W. Phillips
" J. VanCleve	140.00	J. W. VanCleve
" Z. S. Clifford	140.00	R. E. Mathis
" W. F. Whitaker	140.00	Self
" W. C. Dixon	135 00	M. N. Powers
" H. Delicate	125.00	N. H. Lee
" R. J. Nall	140.00	N. B. Cooksey
" J. Thatcher	75 00	E. A. Hoyt
" A. Campbell	70.00	D. Caughlin
" J. I. Richardson	75.00	B. R. Pierce
" D. B. VanWinkle	20.00	G. W. Scawthon

Mrs. W. S. C. Walker	90.00	J. D. Gillham
" J. Glaze	100.00	J. Leeper
" R. Randle	80.00	Self
" I. S. Armstrong	15.00	C. L. Clannahan
" J. H. Hill	230.00	Self
" E. Lathrop	100.00	C. Nash
" G. W. Cullom	50.00	L. Casey
" C. J. T. Tolle	210.00	Self
Copeland's child	27.73	L. E. Cole
Corrington's child	27.59	T. H. Herdman
A. L. Downey	50.00	Wm. VanCleve

The Treasurer of the Educational Fund made his report, which was adopted. The money on hand was ordered paid to W. F. Swahlen, the custodian of the fund.

The Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund made his report, which was adopted.

The nineteenth question was taken up: *Who are the superannuated preachers?* The characters of the following brethren were passed and their relation was continued: J. Gillham, R. Randle, D. Oglesby, J. B. Woolard, G. W. Cullom, D. Elam, T. N. Johnson, J. H. Hill, A. Bliss, J. P. Dew, J. Gibson, E. Lathrop and C. J. T. Tolle. R. M. Gwinn was made effective.

The case of H. Sears was referred to the same committee as in the case of Whitzell and Morrison.

Committees were called, announcements were made and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. B. Woolard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SEPTEMBER, 27, 1884.

The Conference met at 2 P. M. The devotional exercises were conducted by B. R. Pierce, who read the 44th Psalm, announced the 518th hymn, after which he led the Conference in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Dr. Allyn then delivered the Centennial Sermon: "The Marvel of Spiritual Life," from Num. 23. 23d, and 2d Cor. 10. 13. At the close of the discourse the Bishop took the chair. Rev. M. W. Everhart and Rev. L. F. Walden, of the Illinois Conference, F. J. Adams, of Jacksonville, and Dr. H. B. Ridgway, of the Garrett Biblical Institute, were introduced to the Conference.

E. A. Hoyt, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Historical Society, made a report, which was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Locke the thanks of the Conference were returned to Dr. Allyn for his able sermon with a request that the same be published in the Conference minutes.

J. Earp and F. L. Thomson were appointed Stewards.

On motion it was ordered that the Conference Love Feast be held Sabbath afternoon at 3 P. M.

Notices were given and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by M. W. Everhart.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1884.

Conference convened at 9 A. M., preceded by devotional exercises led by J. W. Locke. The minutes of the preceding session were read, corrected and approved.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was amended by the insertion of the name of Dr. W. F. Swahlen as Financial Agent, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Committee on Centennial Observance, appointed at the last Conference, made their report. Adopted.

Rev. Alexander Helton, of the United Brethren Church, was introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on the Songer Endowment Fund presented their report, which was recommitted.

The committee of inquiry in the case of H. Sears reported that there was no cause for action. His character was passed and his relation continued.

W. H. Tyner, J. Hobbs, and N. E. Harmon were granted a supernumerary relation.

J. W. Lowe and A. L. Downey were granted a superannuated relation.

W. B. Bruner was continued in a superannuated relation.

The statistical secretaries made their report, which was adopted.

It was ordered that those charges whose benevolent funds have been received since the statistical secretaries closed their report, be held till next year, and the Presiding Elders made the custodians of such funds.

On motion, the Conference laid over for one year its action of last year to publish in the minutes a list of the societies contributing to the cause of missions, with the amount collected and the name of the collector.

The Committee on Songer Endowment Fund made their report, and it was adopted.

The time of the meeting of the Trustees of the Songer Endowment Fund was changed from the day previous to the session of the Conference to Friday of Conference week.

The Publisher of the Minutes made his report and it was accepted.

The committee to examine historical manuscript prepared by E. A. Hoyt, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Historical Society, made a report, which was adopted, and the Conference ordered his manuscript published.

It was resolved that the thanks of the Conference be tendered to E. A. Hoyt for his elaborate work in preparing historical and statistical matter pertaining to this Conference, and that the expenses incurred in the prosecution of the same be paid by the publisher of the minutes.

Dr. H. B. Ridgway, of Garrett Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate standing committees for next year. The Bishop retired with the cabinet, and Dr. Allyn was called to the chair.

The Committee on Temperance made their report and it was adopted.

The Stewards made an additional report. The love-feast collection amounted to $42.49, which was distributed as follows:

NAME.	AMOUNT.	TAKEN BY.
Mrs. G. W. Robbins	$6.07	A. Ransom
" N. Allyn	6.07	R. H. Manier
" C. J. Houts	6.07	Wm. Vancleve
" J. VanCleve	6.07	J. W. VanCleve
" R. J. Nall	6.07	N. B. Cooksey
" Z. S. Clifford	6.07	R. E. Mathis
" W. F. Whitaker	6.07	Self

The Stewards offered the following which was adopted. It is the judgment of your Stewards that the sum of four thousand dollars is needed to meet the wants of the worthy and dependent claimants upon the Conference funds, and we recommend that that amount be apportioned to the charges for the next year.

J. EARP, Pres.

J. W. CALDWELL, Sec'y.

The following committees made their reports: The Committee on District Conference Journals; the Committee on Class Meetings; the Committee on Church Extension; the Committee on Freedmen's Aid; the Committee on Sabbath Observance; the Committee on Periodicals: the Committee on Sunday Schools; the Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; the Committee on Bible Society; the Committee on Western Book Concern. These reports were all adopted.

The report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was read and the report was not adopted.

The Committee on Pastoral Address made their report which was adopted.

The Bishop appeared and took the chair.

The Second Question, *Who are admitted on trial?* was taken up. The recomendations of the following brethren were presented. John T. Huffman, Charles E. Parker, L. C. Wilkin, Fletcher L. West, Josiah G. Harmon. The Committee on Examination reported; their Presiding Elders represented them and they were admitted on trial.

Charles E. Parker was instructed to bring up Ridpaths' History of the United States next year.

The Sixth Question was called, *Who are re-admitted?* The names of James D. Crenshaw and Edmund Barns were presented and they were re-admitted.

The orders of John T. Huffman, who was a Deacon in the Free Methodist Church, were recognized.

The Presiding Elders made their report of Standing Committees for next year. The report was adopted.

The following Resolution was adopted, amending item "C" in the Order of Examination. Strike out all after the words "each class" and amend so that the item shall read, at least six hours shall be devoted to examining each class and the examinations shall be conducted in writing, each candidate receiving the same questions, and the grade to be in exact proportion to the number of questions answered, and that the papers containing the questions shall be distributed in the room where the class is assembled for examination.

The following standing resolution was adopted:

Each Presiding Elder at the close of his term shall prepare a report of his District not exceeding 1500 words for publication in the Minutes.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we are in sympathy with the Western Seaman's Friend Society and wish Bro. Sears success in his agency in it.

The Thirty-third Question was taken up. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* Edwardsville, Olney and Nashville were nominated and Edwardsville was chosen.

R. W. Laughlin was granted a supernumerary relation.

The Presiding Elders nominated Committees of Examination and Triers of Appeal. Adopted.

The Minutes were read, corrected and approved and the Bishop pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1884.

The Conference met at 1:30 P. M. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. H. Manier.

The Committee on Historical Society made a report, which was adopted. The Constitution and By-Laws of the society were adopted and the officers elected.

Resolutions of thanks to the citizens of Fairfield for their hospitality, to M. N. Powers for his care and solicitude in behalf of the preachers, to the railroad companies for favors, to the Bishops and Secretaries, were adopted by a rising vote.

The following committee, W. Wallis, J. W. Locke, T. A. Eaton, O. H. Clark and J. A. Robinson, were appointed to prepare a plan of organization for a Home Missionary Society.

The Committee on Tracts made their report, which was adopted.

O. H. Clark was appointed to preach the annual missionary sermon.

The following resolution was adopted: A preacher shall be appointed each year to preach on temperance on Tuesday evening preceding the session of the Conference, at the anniversary of the Conference Temperance Society.

E. A. Hoyt was appointed to preach the annual temperance sermon.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that only a small per cent. of our membership obtains and read our minutes, and in view of the great value of the "Pastoral Address" contained in our minutes, therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors be requested either to read or have read in each of our congregations said Pastoral Address.

The Bishop addressed the Conference and led the same in prayer. The appointments were read and the Conference adjourned by singing the Doxology, and the benediction by the Bishop.

R. S. FOSTER,
President.

WM. WALLIS,
Compiling Sec'y.

ORDINATION.

This certifies that the following brethren were by me ordained Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Fairfield, Ill., Sept. 28, 1884.

DEACONS.

Reuben E. Pierce, Robt. E. Mathis, John H. Jones, Alexander W. VanHouten, John L. Vallow, Arthur P. Sharp, Price A. Crow, Horace N. McKee, Alexander P. Halloway, John Harris, W. R. Bradley.

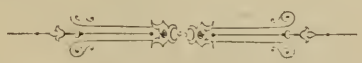
The following brethren were ordained Elders by me at the same place and day, assisted by several Elders.

ELDERS.

Wm. H. Mulvaney, Joseph VanCleve, Robert P. Hammons, Frank W. Loy, Lemuel Cramp.

R. S. FOSTER.

FAIRFIELD, ILL., Sept. 28, 1884.



III. REPORTS.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. GEORGE W. FARMER

Was born in Barren County, North Carolina, in 1838, and died in the Hospital for the Insane at Anna, Illinois, August 24, 1884, aged 46 years. At an early age he removed with his parents to the State of Mississippi, where his mother died; from thence he removed to Memphis, Tennessee, where he was educated, after which he entered the Mississippi Conference of the M. E. Church South, in 1860. The civil war broke out almost immediately, and all his hopes of a successful ministry in that country were blasted, because his entire sympathies were against the rebellion, and in favor of the Union. He resolved to reach the Union lines, and after a perilous journey reached Southern Illinois in 1861. Here he enlisted in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry, perhaps the most famous cavalry regiment in the West, and remained with them in camp and march and battle field until his health entirely failed, and returning to Illinois, he engaged in teaching until 1866, when he was married to Miss Sarah E. Cheney, of Pope County, and was admitted on trial in the Southern Illinois Conference the same year and served the Reynoldsburg Circuit. His health being poor, he discontinued at the end of the year, and did not re-enter the Conference until 1869, when he was again admitted, and remained in the Conference until his decease. He was appointed to the following charges, viz.: In 1869, De Soto; 1870–71, Highland; 1872, East St. Louis; 1873, Shawneetown; 1874, Mt. Vernon Circuit; 1875–6, Nashville; 1877–8, Elsah; 1879–80, Bunker Hill; 1881, Tamaroa, and from 1882 till the time of his death sustained a superannuated relation.

As a preacher Bro. Farmer excelled. As a writer he was fluent and forcible. His rhetoric was faultless, his wit sparkling, his logic powerful, his arguments almost unanswerable, and his sarcasm unenviable, especially to those who dwelt on the land where the lances fell.

His sermons were carefully written and memorized, and then delivered in such a manner as to charm the cultured and intelligent, captivate the careless, comfort the saint, arouse the sinner and astonish all.

Though strong in mind when at his best, he was never strong in body, and his constantly failing health, coupled with the trials and adversities ever incident to this life, produced a corresponding effect upon his mind, and as the shadows came over him he was committed to the home for the unfortunates. Here for twenty months he remained, and for the most of the time was an intense and terrible sufferer, but he received every kindness that could be shown by the officers of the institution, whose pleasure it was to anticipate and more than supply his every want.

In the late evening of his life the clouds that hung over his mind and soul were rifted and removed, and the renewed baptism of the Holy Ghost upon him as a refiner's fire. His last words were touching and satisfactory to all his friends that he died in great peace.

Peace to his memory, and grace and peace be multiplied to his widow and six fatherless children.

J. B. Thompson.

Rev. JOHN. T. JOHNSON.

Rev. John T. Johnson, at the time of his death, was the oldest itinerant in the Southern Illinois Conference. He was born in Sumner Co. Tennessee. August 13, 1805. His parents, who were Methodists, moved to Jefferson Co., Ill., in 1819. Lewis Johnson, his father, was a local preacher.

In 1820 John T. Johnson, a boy 15 years of age, was convicted at Camp meeting held by Jesse Walker and a year after was converted and joined the M. E. Church. He was licensed to preach in 1825 and united with the Illinois Conference which met that year at Bloomington, Ind. His appointments were as follows: Whitewater, Ind., Apple Creek, Ill., Vernon, Columbus, Paola and Vevay Circuits, Ind. During this time he had for his Presiding Elders, Samuel Thompson, Peter Cartwright, John Strange and Allen Wiley. At the division of the Conference in 1832, he fell into the Indiana Conference and afterward filled successively Salem, Brownstown, Bedford, Vernon and Connersville circuits. He located in 1836. In 1849 he was readmitted in the Illinois Conference and was appointed to Wabash circuit in 1849-50, Lawrenceville in 1851, Olney in 1852-53, Mt. Carmel in 1854-55, Benton in 1856, Richview in 1857, Tamaroa in 1858-9, Spring Garden in 1860, and Hickory Hill in 1861. He again located in 1862, and was readmitted in 1871 and granted a superannuated relation, which he held to the close of his life.

Bro. Johnson was a Christian gentleman, a plain, practical, faithful Methodist preacher. Thousands in Illinois and Indiana remember him to love him. Having a comfortable competence, he was never a claimant on the Conference. At his pleasant rural home near Mt. Vernon he died, March 18, 1884, with a blessed hope. His life was faithful and his death was peaceful.

HARRIET THORNTON JOHNSON,

was the wife of Rev. T. N. Johnson, of the Southern Illinois Conference, and daughter of the late Rev. Thornton Peeples, one of the pioneer preachers of Illinois. Sister Johnson was born in St. Clair County, Illinois, November 8, 1817. In her youth she had for her school teacher the late Bishop E. R. Ames. She heard him preach his first sermon. Sister Johnson was converted in her thirteenth year, and united with the M. E. Church at a camp meeting held by the Rev. S. H. Thompson, of precious memory, at the camp ground near Trenton. She lived in the enjoyment of religion until the year 1843, when she believed that it was her privilege to experience a higher state of grace; she sought and found the blessing of perfect love. This fitted her for a life of usefulness. Sister Johnson was married to her now bereaved companion December 10, 1840. She was the mother of five children, three of them passed on to heaven before her, two of them still live, one the wife of Mr. J. M. Wright, a Steward in the Church, the other the wife of Rev. W. F. Brown, of the Northwest Iowa Conference. Sister Johnson lived to see them both converted and become members of the church of her choice. In 1856 Brother and Sister Johnson, at the call of the church, left their beautiful home near Lebanon, Illinois, to enter the itinerancy to help bring the world to Christ. They filled twenty-three charges, when Sister Johnson took a bad cough that terminated in consumption. They took a superannuated relation and made DuQuoin their home with many friends to sympathize with them. Sister Johnson continued to suffer for six years. Everything was done that could be to prolong life; while consumption did a slow, it did a sure work. Sister Johnson possessed a good education, a woman of sound judgment, her deep piety and earnestness brought many souls to Christ, many of them converted while she was pointing them to the Savior. Some of them are now ministers of the Gospel. She was an earnest worker in the Sunday School and class-room. She was one that had strong faith in the promises of God. After she could no longer attend the means of grace she would talk to those who visited her about their souls. She made all the arrangements for her funeral, and requested that the preachers of the district be invited to attend the funeral in the M. E. Church in DuQuoin. At one time when she was very weak her attention was called to the beautiful sunlight; she said heaven will

outshine that. At another time while her husband was broken down with grief she said, make use of the same arguments you used to comfort others to comfort yourself, then added, if Jesus will permit me I will be your guardian angel.

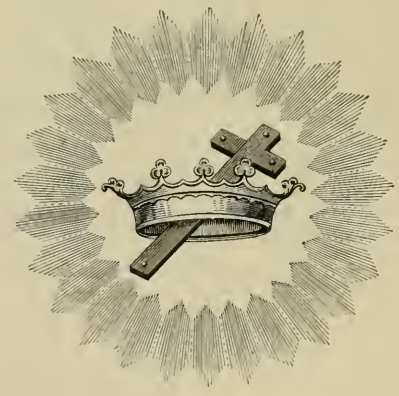
On the 21st of November, 1883, in holy triumph, she passed away to her home in heaven. Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Du Quoin to await the resurrection.

MARY JANE CRENSHAW,

nee Wilson, was born in Crittenden county, Ky., September 4, 1859. She married J. D. Crenshaw, of the Kentucky Conference, November 5th, 1878, and died in Crittenden county, Ky., August 14th, 1884.

Sister Crenshaw was a good Christian woman, faithful to God and the church: a kind and affectionate wife and a loving mother. Whether at home, in the parsonage or traveling with her husband now in the work; whether in the public congregation or working with the lambs of the fold, she was always esteemed very highly by all who knew her; to be loved was only to be known.

She was severely afflicted for six months, during which time not a murmur of complaint was ever heard to fall from her lips. Patient and resigned, though desirous to live for the good of the church, the happiness of her husband and the training of her two little children, she said she was not afraid to die. Just a few minutes before the final close of life she said to her husband, "All is right," and then fell asleep in Jesus, having been a Christian from childhood.



PASTORAL ADDRESS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE, Convened at Fairfield, September 24, 1884.

To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the bounds of the Southern Illinois Conference, we come with our Christian greetings at this our Thirty-Third Annual Meeting:

A whole generation has passed away since our separate organization as a Conference, and of this we would remind you. Only a few of the preachers who gathered at Belleville in 1852 as pastors of the churches are now alive.

The Presiding Bishop, Rev. E. R. Ames, and all the Presiding Elders who were in office at that time, have passed away; and of those who served the Church as pastors at our first annual meeting, only seven are on the effective list to-day. And of the membership of the Church, the active workers of that time, a fragment only remains, scattered here and there, a reminder of our relation to an historic period and people.

But let us not think of those heroic ones who labored and suffered in their day, bequeathing to us our "goodly heritage," with feelings of gloom and sadness, but rising to the grand heights of Christian faith, let us rather exult in the worthy work they wrought. "Standing in their lot," and in the wondrous emancipation they have found, and the glory to which they have attained.

> "Beyond the stormy battle field,
> They reign and triumph now,
> Sweeping a harp of wondrous song,
> With glory on their brow."

But shall we, as pastors and members of the Churches of to-day, live as worthily, achieve as grandly, and die as happily as they?

With the added appliances, better facilities, increased and increasing numbers, are we meeting our enlarged and enlarging demands?

Are the Churches of this time the grand repositories of spiritual force and religious power that the changed condition of the times demand, and our added advantages would make possible?

Much of the old time heroism lingers, and there is not wanting among many the high and holy purpose to make the Methodist Episcopal Church the most efficient denominational agency for good in all the land, and in all the world!

Our Conference territory, covering an area of 15,000 square miles, containing a population of possibly 600,000 souls, with only 25,000 or one-twenty-fourth of this whole number members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, should at once impress us with our grave responsibilities, and serve as an inspiration to every religious worker.

It is a sad reflection that in some parts of our territory, where Methodism was once dominant and flourishing, it is now in a state of retrogression, and that indications of positive decay are present and plain.

How may we counteract such tendencies, and put ourselves in the attitude of aggressive work and healthful growth in such localities, is at once a question of interest and moment.

We are persuaded that the gospel has not lost its potency, and that the multitudes in our territory of the unsaved, ought to be touched into regenerated life by its Divine power.

Turning our thought to those lines of effort where we may find our greatest success, and most certain reward for Christian toil, we cannot but look upon childhood as presenting a department more promising than any in all the wide range of evangelistic work.

Are we realizing the import of this problem: "The child in the Church?"

Do we appreciate the children, as touching their numbers, and their susceptibleness to Divine impressions?

Are we, as members of the Church, making studied and persistent effort to lead them to a personal and spiritual experience, as well as to a proper and enlightened knowledge of the Bible?

Are the children of our people baptized or unbaptized children?

Are Christian parents assuming this responsibility as guardians of their offspring, and giving the Church and the Church's ministers this vital connection with these wards of both the parent and the Church?

Are the children in the attitude to receive the benefit of the preached gospel that they ought to be?

Are they attending the Sabbath School, and feeling that this absolves them from obligations to attend upon the preaching of the word?

We know of no agency so effective in the conversion of souls to God, as preaching of the gospel, either as regards childhood or manhood, and assume that by no possible substitution can the high end be reached, to be attained by this.

Another question may properly be noted here, that is, touching the spirituality of the Church.

This is of vital moment, and connects with devotional service.

If the closet has lost its attractiveness, the family altars are down, and God's word is neglected, this life must necessarily run low.

The measures of grace coming by the use of means God has provided ought to touch with its quickening power every member of our household, and the stranger who may tarry beneath our roof.

Is family prayer becoming obsolete?

Are our children growing up in prayerless homes?

And are the Churches cold and formal because back of the services of the sanctuary lie the broken down altars of the closet and the home?

The higher Christian life, the sanctified state of the believer, must be reached by faithfulness in duty, leading to faith in God's power, and willingness to make pure and happy the obedient soul.

This year the whole Methodist family of America will have reason for special reflection.

It will be a time to recount God's mercies to the Church, to scrutinize more closely our religious condition, and to renew our vows of consecration, both of person and property, to Him who hath called us to His service.

Larger contributions to the benevolencies of the Church will be expected, and special objects will invite our attention, and call for our largest possible gifts. And if we shall avoid the damaging effects of hoarding wealth, and the paralyzing influence of riches devoted to selfish ends, we shall rejoice in the channels opened for the outflow of a liberal proportion of our means, for the accomplishment of noble and worthy ends.

A people enlightened in regard to their duty and privilege will rarely fail of answering to their Church's call.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge," such knowledge as may come by pulpit ministrations, the dissemination of books and papers, and faithful instruction in pastoral visitation. We have fullest confidence in those to whom we minister, as cheerful givers and faithful workers.

In conclusion, let us exhort you to be progressive, to keep step with the most advanced columns of God's militant host as it sweeps the wide fields of religious conquest, and in all the aggressive movements of the Church of our day keep to the front.

Let us illustrate by our holy living the high type of piety for which we as a Church have always contended, and remain unmoved in our faith set forth in our creed and that comprises the fundamentals of religion.

Let us cling to Methodist usage, Methodist literature, Methodist heartiness in worship, and in all, and through all train our children to revere and delight in the Church of their fathers, and in that communion which the good providence of God so wonderfully gave to the world by the Wesleys, and which he has so abundantly blessed through their sons.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education have considered the various facts brought before them and respectfully submit the following report:

CHILDREN'S DAY.

We are gratified in the grand results already attained in the observance of Children's Day by our Sunday Schools and Churches, and discern in them immeasurable possibilities for good to the educational interests of the Church; and in accordance with the suggestion of the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, we request all our ministers, churches and Sunday Schools from this time forward to enter heartily into the observance of Children's Day on the plan originally proposed and distinctively defined in the Discipline of our Church. And we further recommend that the annual collection for education be taken in all our charges on Children's Day, and that the amount of said collection, together with the children's contribution, be equally divided between McKendree College and the Sunday School fund of the Board of Education.

McKENDREE COLLEGE.

We learn with pleasure of the encouraging outlook of McKendree College at the beginning of another college year, and heartily express our confidence in its discipline and faithful and thorough work under the efficient and able management of Dr. W. F. Swahlen and his corps of able professors; and we earnestly urge upon all our people that they send their sons and daughters to be educated at this their own Conference and Church College.

We concur in the resolution of the Centennary Committee recommending the payment of one dollar per member throughout our Conference for the Endowment Fund of the College, and that the pastors be requested to cooperate with the Financial Agent of the College in bringing this proposition before their people.

In view of the resignation of Rev. L. W. Thrall, and after careful consideration of the needs of the College and the necessity of a special effort to increase the Endowment Fund during this the centennial year of our Church,

we recommend the appointment of Dr. W. F. Swahlen as Financial Agent of the College. We also recommend the appointment of Rev. J. Harris, A. M., Professor in the College, and the following

VISITING COMMITTEE:

Revs. J. W. Van Cleve, O. H. Clark, C. Nash, W. Van Cleve, J. L. Wallar, R. H. Manier, B. R. Pierce, L. W. Thrall, R. M. Carter.

ALTERNATES.

Revs. E. A. Hoyt, F. L. Thomson, J. D. Reeder, V. C. Evers, S. P. Groves, C. P. Wilson, N. B. Cooksey, T. J. Massey, T. J. Davis.

GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

We are rejoiced to learn of the prosperity of this noble school and that it is happily relieved of its financial embarrassments, and hail it with delight as it moves onward in its grand career of usefulness. We recommend the appointment of Rev. J. L. Wallar and Rev. M. N. Powers as visitors; and Rev. R. H. Manier and Rev. N. B. Cooksey as alternates to this institution.

We also take pleasure in recommending the appointment of Rev. R. Allyn, D. D., to the Principalship of the Southern Illinois Normal University at Carbondale.

L. W. THRALL,
Chairman.

R. H. MANIER, Sec'y.

We take pleasure in incorporating in this report the report of the Executive Committee of the College, and herewith present it as a part of this report, that it may appear in the Minutes of the Conference for the information of the Church.

Report of the Executive Committee of McKendree College to the Southern Illinois Conference.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

In presenting to you another annual report, we would not forget our obligations to the bountiful Donor of all good for his gracious presence and guidance during the year that is now closing.

Without reference to the exceedingly inauspicious circumstances under which we began the year, suffice it to say the attendance was much larger than we had reason to expect. The first term there were enrolled 73 students; the second term, 78; and the third term, 66 Moreover, the deficiency in numbers was more than counterbalanced by the superior character of those in attendance. Indeed, it is questionable whether there were ever a more orderly and industrious body of students at McKendree than during the past year. There was not a single case of disorderly conduct or of willful neglect of study; and it is with no small degree of pleasure that the Faculty report "better and more satisfactory work."

The last commencement week was a memorable occasion in the history of the college. The paper which was prepared and read by Dr. S. H. Deneen at the Centennial Educational Convention, and which showed the extent and character of the work accomplished by the college during the fifty-six years of its existence, elicited no little amazement and admiration. Bro. J. A. Field, of St. Louis, Mo., generously published three thousand copies of the same for free distribution, and during the summer vacation they have been scattered all over our patronizing territory. We trust they will prove as "good seed upon good ground."

At the meeting of the Joint Board of Trustees and Visitors last June it was deemed a matter of necessity to have a financial agent in the field, and Rev. L. W. Thrall, A. M., was unanimously elected to serve as such. We sincerely trust that this year of "memorial offerings" will be one of great and lasting benefit to McKendree, and that the Conference will encourage and enable the College Agent to promptly and fully realize the long-promised $100.000 endowment fund.

Mr. W. W. McKee, the valedictorian of the class of '84, has been secured to take charge of the English classes, and Prof. E. M. Pace to superintend the conservatory of music. No other changes have been made in the faculty since the last report.

At the time of writing this report there is a larger number of students matriculated than at the same time last year, and the prospects are very encouraging for the coming year. Brethren, McKendree College is YOURS. We earnestly entreat you to do all you can to promote its prosperity and increase its usefullness. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. SWAHLEN,
Pres dent.

HENRY SEITER,
Secretary.

McKendree College, Lebanon, Ill., Sept. 22, 1884.

TRACTS.

Believing that religious literature is necessary to intelligence and usefulness in religious work, and that God has owned and blessed the distribution of Tracts to the conversion of souls, we therefore recommend that every pastor of the Southern Illinois Conference secure the circulation of the same in his charge during the present year, personally giving attention and direction to this work. S. WALKER, Chairman.

L. E. COLE, Secretary.

BIBLE CAUSE.

In view of the marvelous activity of the Christian churches in missionary work and Bible distribution, we recognize the Providential Mission of the American Bible Society in providing cheap Bibles for general circulation.

The wonderful opening of the world in recent years to the reception of the gospel, and the extreme eagerness manifested by the nations of the earth to learn the way of life, call upon us in no uncertain tones to redouble our diligence to send out the missionary with the Bible in his hand to "preach the gospel to every creature."

We therefore again express our confidence in the American Bible Society, our interest in its work, and renewedly pledge ourselves to aid in its Christ-like effort to "teach all nations."

We especially express our approval of the effort to re-supply all the families of our land with the word of God.

F. O. BLAIR, Chairman.

REPORT ON CLASS MEETINGS.

WHEREAS, we still recognize the benefit and efficiency of Class Meeetings as a means of grace and a potent power to build up a living spiritual Christianity in the Methodist Church, therefore resolved,

1st. That as ministers in charge we will be more careful to secure efficient and spiritual leaders, and not over burden them with too large numbers in their classes, and that we will regularly hold our leaders' meetings and be so thorough in them as to reach and bring out the condition of each member so as to gain in each case a knowledge of not only how they keep the outward rules, but also how they grow in grace.

2d. That we will secure, if possible, in all our societies a regular time for class meetings and a more prompt attendance on this means of grace.

A. SNELL, Secretary. L. CASEY, Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

Your Committee on District Conference Journals have examined the records of the Alton, Mt. Carmel and Olney Districts and find them correct.

J. P. YUNGLING, Secretary. S. P. GROVES, President.

PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Periodicals beg leave to present the following report:

The age in which we live is a reading age. Our habits of thought, our sentiments and our entire disposition are determined largely by the character of what we read. As good food furnishes strength and growth to the bodily powers, so good reading will expand the intellect and impress the heart with love and virtue, while bad reading, like ardent spirits, furnishes neither food nor medicine, but, acting as a poison, intoxicates the mind and destroys the soul.

As Methodists we should provide our families with good reading, both secular and religious. Especially should we be careful to use our own literature. Our books are equal to any, and our periodicals are unequaled in all the world. As ministers, we should not only use our own literature in preference to all other, but we should endeavor to induce our people to do so, especially in providing themselves with our Church papers.

We believe that the circulation of frivolous and pernicious literature can in no way be so successfully counteracted as by the circulation of our Methodist periodicals.

We regard it as necessary that the membership of the Church shall have an intelligent sympathy with our various Church enterprises and the work within our own borders. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will endeavor to increase the number of subscriptions to all our periodicals in the respective charges to which we may be appointed for the ensuing year. That we will give special attention and effort to advance the list of subscriptions to the Central Christian Advocate at least ten per cent. That we will call the attention of our people to the abundant and valuable information furnished in our excellent Church Manual, and that we will try to persuade them to subscribe for it.

J. VANCLEVE, Secretary. JOS. W. VANCLEVE, President.

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report the following:

Resolved, That we are as much as ever opposed to the nefarious traffic in ardent spirits, and unqualifiedly in favor of legal Prohibition, and in perfect accord with the action of the late General Conference on this subject.

T. J. MASSEY, Secretary. J. EARP, Chairman.

SONGER ENDOWMENT FUND.

The committee to whom was referred the matter of appointing an agent to solicit donations and bequests to the Songer Endowment Fund of the Southern Illinois Conference have carefully considered the same, and submit the following report:

The destitution of our aged ministers and the widows and orphans of our deceased brethren create a demand upon the Church for which we are in honor bound to provide, and we believe God is now moving the heart of the Church to a consciousness of this obligation. The fact that Bro. Giles Songer, moved by an earnest desire to do something for these honored claimants upon the generosity of the Church, has executed his note for $10,000.00, to be paid after his death, and known as the Songer Endowment Fund of the Southern Illinois Conference, the interest derived therefrom to be paid annually to the Stewards of the Conference for distribution among the Conference claimants, we regard as evidence of the readiness of the Church to provide for their wants; as is also the action of the late General Conference in recommending that this cause have a prominent place among the objects to receive the Centennial offering of the Church. We therefore,

1. Recommend the Presiding Elders be instructed to canvass their respective Districts and solicit donations and bequests, to create a fund for the support of the superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers of the Southern Illinois Conference; and when the Songer Endowment Fund becomes available, or any part thereof, if it shall amount to a sum equal to the amount raised within the Conference, then the fund raised by the Conference shall become a part of said Songer Endowment Fund.

2. That the Presiding Elders be requested to have appointed by the first Quarterly Conference of the current year and thereafter by the fourth Quarterly Conference of this and succeeding years a committee of three, of which the pastor shall be chairman, which committee shall co-operate with the Presiding Elder, and receive all moneys and notes obtained by the Presiding Elder or themselves, and forward the same to the treasurer of the Songer Endowment Fund, Mr. G. W. Brown, at Vandalia, or to his successor in office.

J. B. THOMPSON, Secretary. R. H. MANIER, Chairman.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT.

Following is the report of the Publisher of the Minutes of Southern Illinois Conference:

To the Annual Conference held at Fairfield, September 24, 1884.

Paid for printing 3,000 copies of Minutes	$235 00
" " 10,000 Tracts to Parents	17 50
" Traveling expenses incurred in printing	11 60
Expenses on trunk and Minutes	3 25
Blank Books, binding Journal General Conference, Postage, Stationery, &c.	11 35
Printing Circulars and Blanks for Conference	4 25
Total	$282 95
On hand at last Conference	75 74
Received from sale of Minutes	174 16
Received from Advertisements	183 25
Sale of Slips of Appointments	4 80
Total	$437 95
Total paid out	282 95
On hand	$155 00

F. M. VAN TREESE,
Publisher.

REPORT OF CENTENNARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Centennial Observance, appointed at the last session, respectfully reports:

The committee held its first meeting at the St. Louis Book Rooms, February 26, 1884. The question arose whether we were to plan only for work previous to this Conference session, or for this calendar year. In view of the effect of having a break in the work at this time it was decided that plans should be presented extending to January, 1885. As the result of our deliberations the following report was presented through the Central to the Conference:

1. Let devout thanksgivings ascend to Almighty God for the manifold prosperity He has given unto us as a denomination, and with humble and more earnest hearts let all reconsecrate themselves to His service.

2. Let each District Conference devote one day of its next session to centennary interests, unless the Presiding Elder and committee in any district shall deem it advisable to hold a separate centennary convention.

3. Let a sermon be preached and this plan of work be read at every appointment, if possible, in each district, before the time of the district meeting.

4. Let earnest efforts be made to free all of our churches from debt.

5. Let there be a generous remembrance of all the benevolent societies of the Church.

6. Especially let there be liberal donations to an endowment fund for the support of our Conference claimants.

7. Let there be a united effort, under the supervision of the Presiding Elders, to raise the sum of at least one dollar per member for the increase of the endowment fund of McKendree College. The St. Louis and Missouri Annual Conferences, sustaining the same relation to that institution that we do, are requested to adopt a similar line of action.

8. To further promote our educational interests we recommend that on Wednesday, June 11th, just preceding next commencement day, a mass centennary educational convention be held in the College chapel at Lebanon.

This recommendation was made known to the Faculty and Executive Committee of the College, and under their management a very interesting and enthusiastic convention was held. Addresses of great merit were delivered by Ex-Governor R. J. Oglesby, LL. D., and Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D., and a very interesting and valuable paper was read by Prof. S. H. Deneen, Ph. D. Subsequently voted by the Joint Board to be printed, which, by the liberality of J. A. Field, of St. Louis, was done and has been circulated gratuitously throughout the Conference.

The chairman of the committee also communicated to the Conferences above named the proposed action in behalf of the endowment fund of the College, but no replies have been received.

Centennary exercises have been held in connection with the Lebanon, Alton and Mt. Carmel District Conferences.

The usual financial demands upon our people and the scarcity of money have, we believe, greatly interfered with the attention that otherwise would have been given to this matter. We are convinced that the three months yet remaining should see great activity in this work. Centennary meetings, local and district, or sub-district, should be held and diligent efforts be made to secure a liberal thank-offering from all our people. And to assist in this work we recommend that on or near the first Sabbath in December an appropriate sermon be preached in every charge and a call for gifts be made. We further recommend that the form of subscription adopted by the late General Conference be used in each congregation, and that the Conference Secretary be instructed to procure 20,000 copies and distribute them to the pastors as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. HOYT,
Chairman.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee have carefully examined the Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the Southern Illinois Sunday School Conference, and feel that the Church in the bounds of our Conference is under great obligations to that body for so full a report of its proceedings, and also for the reports of the presidents of the several Districts.

We are highly gratified with the increased prosperity of our Sunday School work, as indicated by these reports.

We would recommend the holding of the District Sunday School Conventions in connection with their respective District Conferences.

We would also emphasize the importance of organizing our Sunday Schools into Missionary Societies, and according to the Constitution found in the Discipline.

In connection with the more thorough religious instruction of the youth and children of our Church, we earnestly recommend the forming of Church Lyceums and Catechetical classes, as required by the Discipline.

J. G. DEE,
Secretary.

F. L. THOMSON.
Chairman.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

In view of the 1,671 Churches in our land aided by this noble society, we are encouraged to renew our zeal in the cause of Church extension. We would recognize the unparelled success in this work of that great and good man, Dr. C. C. McCabe and trust that what is our loss in this department by his removal, will be our gain in the missionary work to which he is assigned. In the mean time we will stand by and assist, as far as we can, our faithful and worthy Secretary, Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett.

J. L. CUNNINGHAM, Secretary. V. C. EVERS, Chairman.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

Your committee to whom was referred the action of the General Conference, recommending that the Methodist Episcopal Church raise $500,000 as a centennial thank offering for the Freedmen's Aid Society, and recognizing that a great work has been accomplished by this society, and that the pressing needs of the Freedmen demand greater effort in their behalf, your committee therefore recommend that each pastor in this Conference make an earnest plea for this noble cause, asking for 33 1-3 cents per member as a centennial thank offering, before December 25, 1884.

Signed, J. LAIRD,
N. BASCOM,
W. McMORROW.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The committee appointed to report for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, submit the following:

WHEREAS, the work of said society has been marked with such great efficiency, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work, and recommend it to every believer in the final triumph of the gospel.

F. W. DOWNS, Secretary. F. W. LOY, President.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance would respectfully report:

WHEREAS, There is a growing tendency to disregard the sacredness of our Christian Sabbath, manifested in pleasure seeking of every kind, and as our instructions on this subject have been counteracted by adverse influences, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we renew our pledge to do all we can to secure a better observance of God's Holy Day, and that we will recommend careful home training on this subject to the heads of our families.

Resolved. 2d. That we condemn and will discourage, by all proper means, the running of railroad excursion trains on the Sabbath, especially to camp

meetings, annual Conferences, or to any kind of religious gatherings.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SEED, Secretary. T. A. EATON, President.

BOOK CONCERN.

The Committee on Western Book Accounts would respectfully report that on conferring with the book agent, are pained to learn that of the $4,100 due to the Book Concern from members of this Conference only sixteen hundred dollars have been paid, leaving twenty-five hundred dollars due and unpaid. We, the committee, therefore recommend that these accounts be placed in the hand of the Presiding Elder of the District in which these brethren are appointed, and the Elder be instructed to collect at each quarterly meeting ten per cent. of the amount paid to the brother indebted, until the claim is paid. Respectfully submitted,

R. H. MASSEY,
DAVID MOORE,
G. W. WAGGONER,
V. D. LINGENFELTER,
J. B. REYNOLDS.

CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

At our last session action was taken looking to the formation of a Conference Historical Society. A committee on organization and a corresponding secretary were appointed. The organization being incomplete, but little could be done. The pressure of the centennary year has, however, been felt, and has led me to write to about twenty-five aged Methodists within our bounds requesting autobiographical papers, early recollections, notes, incidents, or historical information of any kind. I have received from eight of them expressions of great interest in this work and promises of co-operation. From five I have already received contributions, and others are being prepared. I am more than ever impressed with the necessity of gathering up now the valuable information that can be given by our aged brethren and sisters concerning the planting of Methodism in the towns and counties of our Conference, and which, if not soon committed to paper, will be lost for ever.

This is the year peculiarly for this work. I would therefore suggest that diligent efforts be put forth immediately to secure historical material from as many persons as possible, and to this end that the Presiding Elders appoint one person in each county who shall have this matter in charge; also, that each member of the Conference prepare an autobiographical sketch, the older brethren giving also their recollections, incidents, or whatever will complete or enliven the future volumes of our history. I have also suggested the preparation of historical papers at the several District Conferences, some of which have been presented and should be secured for our archives. Many counties have published histories which, though imperfect, should be in our possession. Historical relics of interest, no doubt, are to be found among us.

A custodian and depository should be selected for the preservation of this material.

Brethren, with us rests the duty of preserving the records of our early history. With our organization perfected may we make posterity our debtors, rather than by our indifference to merit their reproach.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. HOYT,
Cor. Secretary.

Report of Special Committee on Will of S. J. Harrington.

After carefully examining the records of the estate we reached the following conclusions:

First. That the Church had no legal claim to any part of the proceeds of the estate for the following reason:

The title to the property was never vested absolutely in S. J. Harrington. The deed was made by James Harrington, father of S. J. Harrington, and so written that the title was to remain in the father until his death, then it was to pass to the son. But the death of S. J. Harrington (the son) occurring first, the title remained in the father, and consequently the property was not subject to probate as a part of the estate of S. J. Harrington.

After our examination of the records we saw the administrator of the estate and communicated to him our opinion of the case, and said to him that we would leave the matter entirely in his hands, and then, after a legal settlement, if in his judgment there was anything due the Church he might deposit it to the credit of the Conference and we would make the proper report. Since then he deposited the sum of $23.95 in bank, subject to the order of the Conference, a certificate of which is hereby presented.

Respectfully submitted,

O. H. CLARK,
R. M. CARTER.

Constitution of Southern Illinois Conference Historical Society.

ARTICLE I—This Association shall be known as the Southern Illinois Conference Historical Society.

ARTICLE II—The object of this Society shall be to collect and preserve such manuscript sermons, books and relics as may be connected with or illustrative of the history of Methodism within the bounds of the Southern Illinois Conference. To encourage historical investigation and disseminate historical information, and to preserve such traditions as now exist only in the minds of aged persons.

ARTICLE III—The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer and a Librarian.

ARTICLE IV—There shall be a Board of Managers, consisting of five ministers and five laymen, who, with the officers, shall constitute a Board of Directors, who shall have supervision of the affairs of the Society.

ARTICLE V—Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of one dollar annually, a life member by the payment of ten dollars, and a life patron by the payment of twenty dollars.

ARTICLE VI—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

1st. An annual meeting of this Society shall be held during the session of the Annual Conference for the election of officers and managers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

2d. The managers shall be divided into committees with charge of special subjects, as follows:

1st, Committee on Archives; 2d, Committee on Biography; 3d, Committee on Local Church History; 4th, Committee on Finance; 5th, Committee on Meetings of the Society.

Reports of the Presiding Elders.

ALTON DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

I desire, first, to express gratitude to our common Father for His presence and blessing during the year. The Pastors in charge of the work have been faithful and in a large degree successful. More than a thousand conversions have been reported, and 765 accessions to the Church on probation. The material interests of the Church have been prosperous in a good degree. New houses of worship have been built and dedicated at Fostersburg, Coffeen, Woodboro, Alhambra and Medora. Large improvements have been made on church property at Bunker Hill, Jerseyville, Kane, Clyde, Shipman, Upper Alton and New Douglas. At Edwardsville the church house is being improved at an expense of more than $4,000, making it one of the neatest and most convenient in the Conference, and they will ask that the next session of our annual Conference be held at that place.

Gracious revivals of religion were enjoyed at Jerseyville, Shipman, Kane, Gillespie, Upper Alton, Elsah, New Douglas, Donnellson and Grafton. At the other points earnest efforts were made by faithful men to advance the material and spiritual interests of the Church. Our Sabbath Schools have advanced in all essential interests. Other than Methodist literature has been eliminated, except singing books. This will be corrected when our new Sunday School Hymnal is ready. The benevolent collections have been urged upon preachers and people, and the reports will show an advance.

The missionary plan has been carried out. The claims of the Pastors have been increased in many instances, and the reports will show corresponding receipts.

I have given myself heartily and earnestly to the work of the district, having preached, on an average, almost once a day, delivered many addresses, administered the ordinances, and held seventy-seven out of the eighty Quar-

terly Conferences. In all this work I have not been sick or late, and have had the most hearty sympathy and co-operation from the pastors and people.

The district is composed of 20 pastoral charges, has 51 church houses and 16 parsonages. In territory the district embraces all of Jersey county, the south half of Macoupin and Montgomery, the north half of Madison, and one charge each in Green and Bond counties.

I cannot close this brief report without magnifying the grace of God which has been manifested toward us, opening up the way before us and honoring us. We are constrained to say the power is of God, and ask to devote ourselves more completely than ever to the service of His cause and the building up of His kingdom in the earth.

The retrospect of the old and the dawn of the new year find us with high hopes and courage, and as guardians of a precious heritage, we will, with becoming diligence, hand it along untarnished to generations following.

Yours in Jesus Christ, and ready for work,

JOHN W. PHILLIPS.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Lebanon District, in the western part of the Conference, extends eastwardly from the Mississippi River to the Illinois Central R. R., touching the former for a distance of 40 miles, and almost touching the latter from the vicinity of Ashley to Vera, a distance of 50 to 55 miles. It includes the counties of St. Clair, Monroe and Bond, together with nearly all of Clinton and Washington, and parts of Madison and Fayette. Its area in square miles is about 2000, while its population does not greatly vary from 150,000. More than half of this population is of foreign birth, or descent, and is not in sympathy with Methodism, nor even with any form of evangelical Protestantism.

In the district there are 22 charges, with openings for several more, had we the men and means for the work. The Charges, or the most of them, are weak, owing to the constant emigration of the native American population, a movement that has been in progress for at least a quarter of a century. Still, when Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Dakota, and other parts of the Great West, shall have become densely populated, we expect Lebanon district, through the influence of "the remnant left to serve the Lord," to again take rank among her sister districts, her waste places being built up, and thousands who are now walking in spiritual darkness, being brought to the knowledge of the truth. When we consider the size and location of the district, its climate, soil, mineral resources, its proximity to a great city, and its facilities for travel and trade, there being at least fifteen lines of railroad traversing its territory, we see no reason why, with a proper infusion of gospel grace and Christian activity among its people, we may not double or even quadruple our membership, churches and Sunday Schools.

Our ministerial force consists of 33 traveling, and 20 local preachers. These, re-enforced by 15 exhorters, and all working under appointment of Annual or District Conference, ought to effect much for the cause of God. Some of these workers, it is true, are aged, others are in the supernumerary relation, while not a few are engaged in secular business, still, enough remain to do

great things for the Lord. Co-operating in the District Conference which meets annually, examines carefully the local preachers who are pursuing the course of study designated by the Bishops, hears reports of work done and assigns work for the next year; also co-operating in the district and sub-district Sunday-school conventions—three of the latter having been held in the district last year—it must be that their influence will be felt for good.

The Conference year has, in the main, been one of peace and prosperity. Our relations with preachers and charges have been, almost without exception, pleasant. If there be any who regard the presiding eldership as an unnecessary wheel in our ecclesiastical machinery they have not shown their dislike to the present incumbent. For many kindly expressions and acts made by our fellow-workers, laymen and clerical, they have our heartfelt thanks.

Death has not claimed any one of our ministerial workers; has not entered any of their families, nor has greatly ravaged the homes of our people. Sister Hobbs has been a meek, patient sufferer during the greater part of the year. All the brethren placed in charge at the last Conference have continued throughout the year, with the single exception of Bro. R. W. Laughlin, who, after serving through manifold afflictions, the Troy and St. Jacobs Circuit, surrendered his charge April 13, and soon afterward removed to Iowa. Rev. John Borland, a superannuated member of the Central Illinois Conference, residing within our bounds, took the vacated charge and served it well throughout the remainder of the year.

Religious awakenings have occurred in many localities, every charge but one reporting conversions and reclamations. These varying in number in the different charges from two or three, to two or three hundred, aggregate 1,541 in the district. Our pastors, who generally entered heartily into this special work, some of them spending and being spent in the service of the Lord, had in several instances, the help of evangelists. Among these, no one labored more successfully than Bro. G. W. Wilson, of our own Conference, whose ministry at various points was blessed of God to the conversion of many souls. The services often partaking of the nature of union meetings, many of the converts attached themselves to other churches co-operating in the work so that we cannot report accessions to our membership equal in number to the conversions. Other causes have operated. Our failure to realize all the desired results from the revival may be attributed in some measure to the mistakes, lack of diligent oversight, or failure of manifestation of interest and sympathy on the part of some of the pastors, but more especially to the neglect on the part of many members of the Church to show themselves nursing fathers and mothers to the converts. It is thought by many a great thing to lead a sinner to Christ. It is a greater thing to lead him along in Christ by helping him in the hours of temptation to overcome the powers of evil that assail his soul. Yet too often the babe in Christ is left after the special effort has closed, to walk alone in the Christian life, and if he wander from the way, or fall while in it he is stamped by some Christian observers as only a professed Christian. Good Samaritans are needed to lift up and comfort the weak disciples who are going up from Jericho to Jerusalem.

Attention has been given to all the departments of church work. Even the details have not been neglected. Committees have been reminded of their duties as to co-operating with pastors in carrying forward the interests under their direction; disciplinary plans have been recommended; tract

distribution has been encouraged; our educational agencies, our church papers, our Sunday school literature, have all been brought to the notice of the people; while we have not failed to notice the benefits to be derived from pastoral visiting, the maintenance of class and prayer meetings, and contributions to our Missionary and benevolent work, the support of pastors and the building and improving of churches and parsonages.

Two Church buildings, in progress of erection at the time of our last session, have been completed and dedicated during the year. One of these is at Nashville. Its cost, including lot, is about $6,000. The other at Pleasant Grove, on Beaucoup circuit, cost $1,500. Both—if the pledges be met—were dedicated free from debt. The church at Vera, erected several years ago, at a cost of $1,500, was recently dedicated, provision being made to meet all the remaining indebtedness—$560. At Glasgow on Waterloo circuit, steps have been taken toward the erection of a church, a subscription of over $800 being secured and a lot selected. Repairs, or improvements have been made on the churches at Collinsville, Pocahontas, Carlyle, Waterloo and Clement. A parsonage has been built at Collinsville at a cost of $1,200, this being $600 in excess of the value of the one sold. The parsonages at Beaucoup, Nashville, Belleville, and several other points, have been improved. The expense incurred in these enterprises has been, in most instances, paid, or provided for. The church at Venice was last year considerably injured by the flood. It was repaired at a cost that greatly taxed the little band of members. Scarcely had this been effected when under a judgment obtained in behalf of an old claim that had been lost sight of, under the impression that years ago it had been satisfied, the church was sold. It was purchased by two or three of our friends, and its use is still permitted our congregation, but whether it shall again come into our possession depends upon the liberality of the people and the willingness of the Board of Church Extension to grant relief.

Progress has been made in the payment of debts at several points. The only property seriously burdened is, we think, that at East St. Louis, on which there rests an indebtedness of $8,000, a sum possibly greater than the worth of the entire premises. Debts still attach to either church or parsonage at Freeburg, $1,100; Lebanon, $1,200; Carlyle, $350; Nashville, $1,000; St. Jacobs, $300. There are, in some of these cases, subscriptions or other resources that will, in part, discharge the obligations. Effort has been made to induce our friends at every point, East St. Louis excepted, the case there being hopeless, to take measures this Centennial year toward the removal of all indebtedness. From reports recently furnished by the pastors, and from information otherwise obtained, the footings in representation of several features of our work for the year are as follows:—

Charges, 22; preaching places, 60; conversions, 1,541; accessions on probations, 989; into full membership, 327; by letter, 160; deaths, 28; removals, 249; withdrawals, 25; Sunday Schools, 96; officers and teachers, 467; scholars, 3,547, subscribers to Central Christian Advocate and other church papers, 358 amount paid for building and improving churches $5,609; for insurance upon churches, debts, fuel, care, etc., $2,223; amount paid for building, improving and caring for parsonages $1,326; for pastoral support—Bishops, $92; Pastors, $10,083; Presiding Elder, $1,085.

By action of our District Conference I was requested to examine into and report to this Conference, the condition and wants of the southwest corner

of our territory, a district lying along and near the Mississippi, and embracing an area of probably 100 square miles. As the result of inquiry in person and by correspondence, and of observations made during a visit to a part of the district in question, I report that the region is largely missionary ground. Spiritually, many of the people sit in darkness. It is said to be no uncommon thing to find youths of 15 or 16 years of age who never attended a religious service. With the exception of our little society at Glasgow City and a small Presbyterian Church a few miles to the southeast of that point, there are no places where regular services in English are maintained. While there are many foreigners in this region, there are also a goodly number of native Americans. It is true the most of these are irreligious, yet among them, there are some who rather than see their children growing up free from religious restraints, without Church or Sabbath, and almost without the Bible, and spending God's holy day in work, idleness, or in vain and sinful amusements, would second judicious efforts made toward the establishing of Sunday Schools and places of worship in their various neighborhoods. A destitute district of equal extent lies to the north of this, along the Mississippi from Harrisonville to East Carondelet. Something ought to be done for the spiritual enlightment of these people. Otherwise we shall have Galilean darkness and Continental European ungodliness pervading our communities.

I commend to this Conference, in view of our failure to obtain help from the General Missionary Committee, the organization of a Home Missionary Society, or at the least, action calling for a Home Mission contribution in every charge which shall be distributed by a board of your own appointment for the support of the Gospel in these and other neglected districts.

T. H. HERDMAN.

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

Mt. Carmel District covers in territory eight counties in the southeastern part of the State, viz.: Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Saline, Johnson, Hardin, Pope and Massac, with parts of Jefferson, Edwards, Wabash, Williamson and Pulaski. In this territory we have 25 charges, consisting of 6 stations and 17 circuits. The statistics show 4,807 members and 891 probationers, 37 local preachers, 72 churches, 6 parsonages, 64 Sunday Schools, 501 officers and teachers, 3,776 scholars of all ages. During the past year there has been an extensive revival over nearly the entire district, resulting in about 1,700 conversions and about 1,200 accessions to the Church. We have finished and dedicated three churches during the year, one on Metropolis circuit, one on Hawthorne charge and one on McLeansboro circuit. One is nearly ready for dedication on the New Burnside charge, two are building on the Opdyke charge and one on the Wayne City charge. A new parsonage has been built on Metropolis charge, and the parsonages at Mt. Carmel, Opdyke and Vienna have been repaired. All the interests of the Church have been carefully looked after by the pastors, and a specialty is being made of looking after the children We can safely say that the district is in a growing and prosperous condition, and we shall be disappointed if it does not show an advance all along the line in the future.

W. VAN CLEVE.

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.

The territory of Mt. Vernon District includes the counties of Alexander, Pulaski, Union, Williamson, Jackson, Perry, Franklin and parts of Randolph, Washington and Jefferson. Of the twenty-three pastoral charges, eight are stations, three are half stations, and the remaining twelve are circuits. These charges represent eighty-eight preaching places and a membership, including probationers, of about 5,500. We have fifty-seven Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 4,500 scholars, and an average attendance of over 3,000. Our Church property consists of seventy-one Church buildings valued at $87,660; and twenty parsonages, valued at $15,775.

No change of arrangement in the assignment of ministers to this District by Bishop Bowman has occured except at Sparta; from which Bro. Cooksey was taken to supply Olney and which vacancy was filled by the appointment of Bro. C. W. Bonner, who has wrought well.

Creditable work has been done this year by the pastors and people in repairing and keeping in good condition both Churches and Parsonages. At Anna, a new Parsonage begun by Bro. Waggoner last year has been completed by Bro. Rohrbough this year. At Woodlawn, the parsonage which was purchased four years ago wholly on a credit, has been ordered sold to satisfy the debt. The Parsonage at DeSoto has been sold and another one purchased at Elkville. At Cairo an old harrassing debt has been paid off and the property repaired and put in the best of order. Bro. Scarritt deserves special mention for the perseveing and prudent manner in which he has managed this case. On Corinth Circuit two churches have been repaired, and one, a neat chapel, has been built at Thompsonville, at a cost of $1,237.50. Bro. McIntosh captured this village for Christ and has built a fort to stay. A debt of $100 on the parsonage of this charge has been provided for. At Spring Garden the Church has been repaired at a cost of $200. At Carbondale, Bro. Gillham has pushed a subscription for a new Church with the best prospects of success we have yet had; and we earnestly hope that at no distant day our people in this natural center of the district, and educational center of Southern Illinois, will be quartered in a new church home. At Benton the Church has been tastefully repaired and beautified. Debts but recently contracted remain on the Churches at Mt. Vernon, Pickneyville and Murphysboro, an an old debt on the church at Cobden—to liquidate which the Church has been ordered sold. This attention to the improvement of Church property is having a wholesome influence on our work.

Faithful instruction is being given to the children according to the requirements of the discipline, and from this field of effort we expect a bountiful harvest, though others may do the reaping.

A handsome increase will be reported in the number of Central Christian Advocates taken over last year, though last year was in advance of the year before. We recognize in our Church papers a prime agency for disseminating Christian and Methodistic intelligence, and hence we push the canvass for them.

The estimates on pastors' salaries aggregate $13,750, the actual payment something over $11,000; thus leaving a shortage of some $2,000. It is to be noted that the larger part of this deficiency falls upon the pastors who have the lowest estimates. This is an evil for which a remedy must be found.

Better drilled Stewards, a more liberal people, and a business-like way of managing Church finances are results which we must in some way reach.

The claims of our Benevolent Societies have been faithfully presented with varying degrees of success. As a matter of fact, a small per cent only of our people give what is given to these causes. The task assigned us is to arouse the non-givers to action in this department of Church work. A creditable increase will be reported for Missions, and the other collections I hope will not fall below last year.

The best of all is, that gracious revivals have prevailed in many of the charges. No special evangelist has been employed, the pastors have done the work by calling the Churches to a deeper consecration. The charges which have shared the greatest are, Mt. Vernon, Ashley and Richview, Carbondale, Anna and Jonesboro, and Corinth Circuit, while Woodlawn, DuQuoin, DuQuoin Circuit, Spring Garden, DeSoto and Ava, and Cairo, have shared largely and indeed most of the charges have experienced precious droppings. Upon the whole Mt. Vernon district has industrious, patient and painstaking pastors, who have wrought well this year. Death has entered our ranks and homes as follows: John T. Johnson, a veteran long ago superannuated, died at his home near Mt. Vernon, March 18th, 1884, in the peace of a ripe Christian experience. Harriet T. Johnson, wife of T. N. Johnson, a superannuate, died in DuQuoin, November 21st, 1883, full of years and usefulness and ready for her heavenly home. G. W. Farmer, also a superannuate, died in the Southern Illinois Hospital for the Insane, August 24th, 1884. Mary J. Crenshaw, wife of J. D. Crenshaw, of DuQuoin circuit, died at Marion, Kentucky, August 14, 1884, in hope of a blissful immortality.

With devout thanksgiving to God and gratitude to the brethren, I thus close the work of the third year in this district.

C. NASH.

OLNEY DISTRICT.

Twenty-two charges, located in the nine northeast counties of the Conference, served by 25 preachers, 23 being regulars and 2 supplies, comprise the field and force of Olney District.

The work of the year began promptly and has been earnestly and efficiently prosecuted. Peace and health in good degree have favored the charges. The only itinerant home invaded by death was that of Brother and Sister Cooksey, who parted with an infant daughter. The membership have shared in the same general exemption.

The season devoted to special revival services was vigorously improved and yielded over one thousand accessions to the Church—a result attained, except in a single instance, without outside help. A fair spiritual condition may be said to exist, though a revival is much needed in the matter of family worship and in prayer and class meeting attendance.

The quarterly meetings have generally been refreshing religious seasons, the numbers attending the sacrament large, and the love feasts distinguished for spirituality. The heart, intellect and purse of the Church are well represented in the official membership, and some of the Quarterly Conferences are models of Methodistic promptness, precision and devotion.

A serious discrepancy that was found between the Church records and the

Conference statistical tables has been rectified to the apparent discredit in numerical gains, however, of the present administration. In the minutes of 1880 the number of members reported was 6,158, and there have been received from probation since 2,140, making a total of 8,298; but after all gains, the statistics of this year show but 6,296, or a loss of 2,000. To carelessness and neglect in keeping the records is this provoking result chargeable.

Church building and repairs have been promoted to some extent. Five churches have been dedicated and two others are ready for that formality. Four of these were erected this year. The buildings at Olney and Newton have undergone extensive repairs and are now attractive and comfortable. The parsonages at Newton and Sumner have been enlarged and improved and are now desirable residences. The old property in Belmont was sold and a new house built convenient to the church. A house was purchased in Lancaster that awaits with a welcome the coming man. A new parsonage on the Newton circuit was completed and occupied this year. These improvements have been made without any embarrassing remainder of debt in any instance.

Though slightly increased, the interest taken in religious literature is not as well developed as it should be; still improvement has been made notably in the number taking the Central Advocate. Such special prominence has been given to this publication as to exclude almost entirely all other church papers from our territory.

The work of the Sunday Schools has been made to conform with the disciplinary requirements wherever practicable, and may be reported generally in fair condition. Many schools were, and not a few are yet without the organization prescribed. Closer observance of the discipline will certainly secure better results than are yet realized. Exclusive use of the denominational Sunday School literature has been urged with encouraging success. In some charges the Catechism is used with varied results. The Wesley Chapel school, on the Wakefield Circuit, has graduated in Catechism No. 3. Many from the Sunday Schools were among those converted in the revivals of the winter.

The benevolent interests have been sustained as well, perhaps, as the financial condition of the country would allow. Something from every member—a reasonable and practicable attainment—has been the motto. Though not all that was desired, some advance has been made in the missionary collection, which this year reaches a total of $2,655—an advance beyond last year of 13 per cent. Missionary organization has been urged and exists in three-fourths of the Sunday Schools. The collection for Conference claimants, though scarcely reaching the amounts raised the last two years, yet stands in such agreeable proximity as to indicate that the standard should not be lower. The other collections are not what they ought to be, though no important reaction is apparent, but in some a small increase.

The salaries of pastors were with few exceptions estimated as last year, but receipts show greater deficits. This is the unpleasant matter of report. It is accounted for by the failure of crops and inefficient financial management. But five charges have paid the full claims, while seventeen report deficiencies aggregating $1,600, or over 8 per cent. of the total claim.

The temperance question has experienced both gain and loss according to locality. Until the interest is separated from party politics, made a specialty

and decided upon its merits, much permanent progress will not be made. Many friends of temperance are compelled to disfavor the present prohibition movement. Many whose affiliations at the ballot-box and on the field of battle have been from the beginning with the party that saved the Union, justify their continuance therein with the reason that nineteen years are not sufficient to eradicate the principles, sentiments and influences of two hundred years' education, culminating in four years terrible war, the mistake whereof is seen in the solid South of to-day, and that until the press, ballot and speech are as free in the South as they are in the North the existence of the party of the Union must be continued as a political necessity to guard and foster the achievements of the very late struggle, as the dykes of Holland require perpetual maintenance in preventing the encroachments of the sea.

With this report terminates the official relation of the present Presiding Elder of Olney District. The years have been prosperous and peaceful; cordiality and co-operation have generally distinguished the relations between the Pastors and Presiding Elder. It is becoming that special mention should be made of one of the pastors, the Rev. Jason Carson, a local preacher, who for nineteen consecutive years has served as a supply within the district. Always acceptable and successful; sought for at the age of three score and ten; raising large sums for the benevolences, and the instrument in the conversion of hundreds; too modest at an earlier age to ask admission into the itinerancy, and later too old to undertake the course of study, but still effective and ready for the field, deserving of a place in the body with which he has been indirectly associated since its infancy, the wish may properly be entertained that a provision existed whereby he could be admitted.

Reviewing the record of the past four years, it will be seen that about 3,500 persons have been received on probation and 2,140 into full membership. Thirteen new churches and five new parsonages have been erected, others extensively repaired and improved, debts encumbering the churches in Sumner, Newton, Olney, Fairfield and other localities extinguished, and all without the donation of a dollar from the Church Extension Society. The subscription list of the Central Advocate has advanced from 240 to 560. The collection for Conference claimants has grown from $370 to $760, and that for Missions from $1,700 to $2,660. The other interests have not declined.

The charges of this district are circuits mainly. These need and should have the presence of the Presiding Elder at every quarterly meeting. No substitute, however good, compensates for the absence of the responsible official. Frequent expressions signify willingness to pay more if the services of the Presiding Elder could be had at all quarterly meetings, but to afford this would render a reduction in the size of the districts necessary.

And with these observations is relinquished the trust of this indispensable office. Thankful that the mistakes therein were not more numerous and serious, and rich in memories pleasant and enduring of associations it was a privilege to enjoy, the prayer to the Great Head of the Church is breathed invoking blessing and prosperity upon the work and those who may succeed to this responsibility.

O. H. CLARK.

VANDALIA DISTRICT.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

One year ago, by the appointment of Bishop Bowman, I took charge of Vandalia District. By the providence of our good Heavenly Father my health has been good; and I close the year's work in better condition than when I began it, for which I render devout thanks to God. My predecessor, Rev. J. B. Reynolds, after four years of earnest work, turned the district over to me in pretty good condition and well manned. The preachers without a single exception went immediately to their charges after Conference, and with few exceptions have labored earnestly, intelligently and successfully. Revivals have been realized nearly in all of the charges. Quite a number of them have experienced wonderful outpourings of the Holy Spirit. The most notable revivals of the district have come through the pastors and the ordinary appliances of the church, without the services of special evangelists. The local preachers and exhorters have been very helpful in promoting this good work. The time has not come for dispensing with the services of this part of the army of the Lord in our Conference. There has been an earnest effort on the part of the pastors to train the new converts for intelligent membership in the church, and I think with good success. This part of our work can not be too strongly emphasized.

Our Sunday School work has gone on successfully. We are doing better work year by year. Many of the recruits are from the Sunday Schools. Our own helps and literature are used in all our schools. The revivals in the early part of the Conference year quickened the spirituality of the membership, so that the prayer and class meetings in most of the charges have been well sustained. The quarterly meetings have been spiritual and profitable.

Something has been done in the way of church extension. Three churches have been erected, one dedicated, one ready for dedication, and one will soon be ready. Neat parsonages have been built at Johnsonville and Watson.

Quite a good deal has been done in the way of church and parsonage improvement. The church at Centralia has been carpeted and cushioned all through, making it one of the most comfortable and pleasant churches in the Conference. The church at Salem has been overhauled from top to bottom; painted inside and out, including the spire; the audience room repapered, seats varnished and to be cushioned; the basement room beautified and seated with chairs. The church and parsonage at Effingham have been overhauled; the gallery has been removed, a new entrance erected and the seats changed, making three aisles instead of two. Considerable papering and painting has been done on the parsonage. The improvements have added greatly to the comfort and beauty of the property. The church at Farina has been considerably advanced towards completion and a good bell purchased. The church at Irvington has been improved. The parsonage at Odin has been practically re-roofed. The parsonage property at Altamont has been improved—a well dug, the yard graded, trees set out and several rooms papered. Some very necessary improvements have been made on the parsonage property at Ramsey. The property at Vandalia has received attention; the parsonage reroofed, painted, papered and various improvements made, adding greatly to the comfort and beauty of the property. The church at Xenia has been fenced in and something has been done in the way of providing for church and parsonage debts. At St. Elmo nearly enough has been raised to pay off all the

indebtedness. A very troublesome parsonage debt has been provided for at Altamont, Debts at other points have been reduced. A little more push and earnest effort and all our church and parsonage property will be free from debt and in good condition.

The salaries of the pastors do not vary much from last year; but I fear the receipts in the aggregate will not equal those of last year. Some of the charges have done better, others not so well. I have been greatly interested on the subject, and have tried to be helpful in every way possible. The crop failures are given as the principal reason for the shortage in the quarterage. My district is one of the burnt districts of the Conference. There have been crop failures in this district for several years past, so that the farmers have realized but little return for the labor bestowed on their farms. And yet I do not think the shortage in the salaries is altogether attributable to this cause. I think it is mainly attributable to the fact that those who are able do not give—do not give enough to the support of the Gospel. People with less means give more in proportion to their means than the more wealthy. If this state of things could be changed it would be greatly promotive of the interests of the Church in our bounds. But I find another difficulty in the way, and that the disposition of many of the Quarterly Conferences to make the salary of the preacher as small as possible. This, according to observations, always works badly. I never knew a single exception to this. We must somehow get it on the heart of the Church that the minister is an important factor of influence in the community, and ought to be well sustained.

The reports of the pastors will show an increase in all the benevolent collections. But we have not made the advance that we hoped to make at the beginning of the year. The same general causes effecting the pastoral salaries affect the benevolent enterprises of the Church. And yet I apprehend there is still another cause for the shortage here, and that is a want of conscience on the subject. Many give from impulse rather than principle. But when we get it on our heart, and give from a sense of duty to God, we will have all the money needed for necessary purposes. We need to train the children and young people to Christian giving. All the people—from the man of wealth to the widow with her mites—must have a contribution in the treasury of the Lord. I do not believe that Methodists are less liberal than other Christian denominations. There needs to be an earnest effort on the part of the pastors to give the people information on the subject. A little more denominationism would help us as a people. The pastors generally have been diligent in trying to circulate our periodicals. The list of subscribers to the Central Christian Advocate has been enlarged. Yet much more might be done, and, I trust, in the near future, we shall have an advocate in every family.

It is proper that I mention the services of Rev. A. Bliss. He has preached almost every Sabbath during the year and has been very helpful to the pastor of Watson circuit.

The District Conference of the year was eminently successful and profitable to all attending it. The missionary plan has been carried out. The relation between Presiding Elder, pastors and people has been very pleasant to me. The year has been one of hard work, but one of the most pleasant of my ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN LEEPER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.---1885.

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

J. W. Phillips, R. H. Manier.

TRACTS.

G. W. Waggoner, D. Caughlin, D. J. Little, G. W. Scawthon, J. J. Boyer, L. Casey.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

F. L. Thomson, R. M. Carter, J. D. Reeder, R. M. Gwinn, H. A. Doty, T. J. Davis.

EDUCATION.

J. T. Pender, J. L. Wallar, T. J. Massey, J. W. VanCleve, V. C. Evers, W. Wallis.

TEMPERANCE.

T. A. Eaton, S. Green, S. P. Chapin, C. P. Wilson, S. Walker, N. Crow

POST OFFICES.

L. A. Harper.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

J. W. Locke, J. A. Robinson, W. F. Davis.

WESTERN BOOK ACCOUNTS.

J. B. Ravenscroft, J. B. Reynolds, R. Z. Fahs, F. W. Downs, V. D. Lingenfelter, C. W. Bonner.

PERIODICALS.

W. H. Mulvaney, J. Earp, C. W. Sabine, R. P. Hammons, G. A. Seed, J. W. Flint.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

J. A. Scarritt, J. A. Hampton, J. W. Baine, J. H. McGriff, L. C. English, J. G. Dee.

NEW YORK BOOK ACCOUNTS.

H. Sears.

BIBLE CAUSE.

F. O. Blair, E. Barns, J. A. Thrapp, J. L. Cunningham, D. Moore, E. Root.

FREEDMEN'S AID.

L. W. Thrall, L. F. Crow, J. W. McIntosh, B. R. Pierce, S. P. Groves, W. McMorrow.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

R. H. Massey, W. Tilroe, J. W. Nall, J. W. Caldwell, J. P. Rutherford, R. E. Mathis.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

J. W. Field, N. Bascom, H. H. Keith, J. W. Morris, W. T. Morris, M. House.

CLASS MEETINGS.

J. B. Thompson, R. H. Manier, F. W. Loy, J. VanCleve, N. B. Cooksey, J. R. Reef.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

L. Cramp, J. Harris, R. M. Carter, J. W. Franklin, J. P. Yungling, J. L. Vallow.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

T. A. Eaton, J. T. Pender, E. A. Hoyt, N. Stauffer, F. M. VanTreese, M. L. King.

IV. CONFERENCE RECORD.

1884.

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

NO. SESSIONS HELD	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	STATISTICIAN.
1	Oct. 27, 1852	Belleville	E. R. Ames	J. Leaton	
2	Oct. 26, 1853	Mt. Carmel	L. Scott	J. Leaton	
3	Sept. 27, 1854	Mt. Vernon	E. R. Ames	J. Leaton	
4	Sept. 26, 1855	Alton	E. S. Janes	J. Leaton	
5	Oct. 1, 1856	Salem	M. Simpson	J. Leaton	
6	Sept. 23, 1857	Lebanon	L. Scott	M. Shepherd	
7	Oct. 6, 1858	Olney	T. A. Morris	M. Shepherd	
8	Sept. 29, 1859	Richview	E. R. Ames	M. Shepherd	J. Leeper
9	Oct. 17, 1860	Bunker Hill	M. Simpson	M. Shepherd	J. Leeper
10	Oct. 3, 1861	Salem	E. S. Janes	J. Leeper	J. D. Gillham
11	Oct. 1, 1862	Alton	E. R. Ames	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Nall
12	Sept. 23, 1863	Mt. Carmel	O. C. Baker	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Nall
13	Sept. 22, 1864	Belleville	E. S. Janes	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Nall
14	Sept. 27, 1865	Olney	L. Scott	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Nall
15	Sept. 19, 1866	Centralia	E. Thompson	R. Allyn	J. W. Lane
16	Sept. 25, 1867	Litchfield	E. R. Ames	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Lane
17	Sept. 10, 1868	Du Quoin	E. S. Janes	J. W. Caldwell	J. W. Lane
18	Sept. 15, 1869	Vandalia	E. Thompson	R. Allyn	J. W. Lane
19	Sept. 14, 1870	Lebanon	M. Simpson	R. Allyn	J. W. Lane
20	Sept. 27, 1871	Cairo	L. Scott	R. Allyn	J. W. Lane
21	Oct. 2, 1872	Mt. Vernon	T. Bowman	R. Allyn	J. P. Dew
22	Oct. 1, 1873	Jerseyville	I. W. Wiley	R. Allyn	T. H. Herdman
23	Sept. 23, 1874	Mt. Carmel	L. Scott	R. Allyn	J. Harris
24	Sept. 8, 1875	Centralia	R. S. Foster	T. H. Herdman	J. Harris
25	Sept. 13, 1876	Olney	M. Simpson	T. H. Herdman	J. Harris
26	Sept. 27, 1877	Mt. Vernon	J. T. Peck	T. H. Herdman	W. Wallis
27	Sept. 25, 1878	Alton	S. M. Merrill	T. H. Herdman	W. Wallis
28	Sept. 10, 1879	Salem	E G Andrews	T. H. Herdman	W. Wallis
29	Sept. 1, 1880	Fairfield	C. D. Foss	T. H. Herdman	W. Wallis
30	Aug. 31, 1881	Greenville	J. F. Hurst	T. H. Herdman	E. A. Hoyt
31	Sept. 20, 1882	Mt. Vernon	M. Simpson	F M VanTreese	E. A. Hoyt
32	Sept. 19, 1883	Belleville	T. Bowman	F M VanTreese	E. A. Hoyt
33	Sept. 24, 1884	Fairfield	R. S. Foster	F M VanTreese	E. A. Hoyt

For the first seven years of the Conference, the Secretary, or Assistant, did the work of Statistician.

II. Members of Conference.

NAMES.	P. O. ADDRESS.	ADMITTED INTO FULL CONNECTION		Came to S. Ill. Conference.	Nativity.....	Relation.....
		Year...	Conference.			
Allyn, R	Carbondale.....	1842	N. Eng..	1863	Con.	Effective
Barnes, E.....	Harrisburg....	..	.....	1884	....	Effective
Bennett, J. H	Omaha.....	1884	S. Ill....	....	....	Effective
Bradley, W. R.....	Patoka.....	1884	S. Ill ..	...	....	Effective
Bascom, N.....	Odin	1875	S. Ill....	....	Ind.	Effective
Blair, F. O.....	Lebanon.....	1866	S. Ill....	....	Mas.	Effective
Bliss, A.....	Effingham.....	1856	S. Ill....	....	Ver.	Sup'n'd
Bonner, C. W.....	Sparta.....	1867	S. Ill....	....	Ind.	Effective
Boyer, J. J.....	Mt. Vernon.....	1870	S. Ill	...	Pa..	Effective
Bruner, W. B.....	Greenville.....	1857	S. E. Ind.	..	Ind.	Sup'n'd
Butler, G. W.....	.....	1868	S. Ill....	...	Ill..	Supn'ry
Baine, J. W.....	Opdyke.....	1874	N. Ala. .	....	Ala.	Effective
Caldwell, J. W.....	Godfrey.....	1851	Ill	....	Ky .	Effective
Carter, R. M	Mt. Carmel.....	1873	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Casey, L.....	Avena.....	1856	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Caughlin, D.....	Waterloo.....	1871	S. Ill....	...	Va..	Effective
Clark, O. H.....	Mt. Vernon.....	1861	S. Ill....	....	Eng.	Effective
Cooksey, N. B	Olney.....	1877	S. Ill....	...	Ia. .	Effective
Crenshaw, J. D.....	Tamaroa.....	...	S. Ill....	1884	....	Effective
Cramp, L	Wanda.....	1881	S. Ill	....	....	Effective
Chapin, S. P.....	Altamont.....	1884	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Crow, L. F.....	Olney.....	1881	S. Ill....	....	....	Effective
Crow, N.....	Vienna.....	1881	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Cullom, G. W.....	Avena.....	1855	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Sup'n'd
Cunningham, J. L .	Ramsey.....	1877	S. Ill....	....	Ten.	Effective
Cole, L. E.....	Elsah	..	.....	...	....	Effective
Davis, W. F.....	Belleville.....	1860	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Davis, T. J.....	Kane	1869	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Dec. J. G	St. Elmo.....	1881	S. Ill....	...	....	Effective
Dew, J. P.....	Kansas City, Mo.		.....	...	....	Sup'n'd
Doty, H. A..... ...	Marion.....	1880	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Downey, A. L.....	Omaha.....	1856	Ken.	....	Ind.	Sup'n'd
Downs, F. W.....	East St. Louis...	1880	S. Ill....	....	O...	Effective
Earp, J.....	Brighton.....	1856	S. Ill....	...	Eng.	Effective
Eaton, T. A.....	Du Quoin.....	1852	Ill.....	....	Ky..	Effective
Elam, D	Farina.....	1867	S. Ill....	...	....	Sup'n'd
English, L. C.....	Robinson.....	1855	S. Ill....	....	N. J.	Effective
Evers, V. C.....	Carlyle.....	1873	S. Ill....	....	Ky.	Effective
Fahs, R. Z	Medora.....	1870	S. Ill....	....	O...	Effective
Field, J. W.....	Newton.....	1872	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Flint, J. W.....	Jonesboro.....	1877	S. Ill....	....	Ill..	Effective
Franklin, J. W.	Tamaroa.....	...	.....	....	....	Effective
Gibson, J.....	Creston, Iowa..	1845	Pittsburg	1870	Va..	Sup'n'd
Gillham. J.....	Eldorado.....	1836	Ill.....	....	Ill..	Sup'n'd

Gillham, J. D.	Carbondale	1858	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Glasgow, E. M.	Evanston	1880	Ill.		Ten.	Supn'ry
Groves, S. P.	Litchfield	1862	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Green, Silas	Albion	1862	Kansas	1881	O.	Effective
Gwinn, R. M.	Kinmundy			1881		Effective
Hampton, J. A.	Pocahontas	1876	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Hammons, R. P.	Enfield	1881	S. Ill.			Effective
Harmon, N. E.	Newton	1871	S. Ill.		Ill.	Supn'ry
Harper, L. A.	Johnsonville	1860	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Harris, J.	Lebanon	1862	S. Ill.		Eng.	Effective
Herdman, T. H.	Lebanon	1867	S. Ill.		Pa.	Effective
Hill, J. H.	Lebanon	1849	Ill.		O.	Sup'n'd
Hobbs, J.	Pocahontas	1874	S. Ill.		Ind.	Supn'ry
Hooker, P. L.	Desmet, Dak.	1868	Ky.		Ky.	Effective
House, M.	Mound City	1859	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Hoyt, E. A.	Cairo	1869	S. Ill.		N. H.	Effective
Houts, T. F.	Chester		S. Ill.		Mo	Effective
Jackson, J. W.	Calhoun	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Johnson, T. N.	Du Quoin	1859	S. Ill.		Ill.	Sup'n'd
Jones, O. V.	Lebanon	1866	S. Ill.			Supn'ry
Jones, J. H.	Pinckneyville	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Joy, E.	Carmi	1844	Ill.		Ill.	Supn'ry
King, M. L.	Walnut Hill	1843	Ky.			Effective
Kirkbride, C. H.						Supn'ry
Keith, H. H.	Donnellson			1883		Effective
Laird, J.	New Douglas	1877	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Lathrop, E.	Moravia, Iowa	1845	Ind.		Vt.	Sup'n'd
Laughlin, R. W.	Troy	1857	S. Ill.		Ky.	Effective
Leeper, J.	Centralia	1858	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Lee, N. H.	Evanston	1881	S. Ill.		Ind.	Effective
Lingenfelter, C. D.	Bible Grove	1856	S. Ill.		Ky.	Effective
Lingenfelter, V. D.	Carmi	1857	S. Ill.		Ky.	Effective
Little, D. J.	Hawthorn	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Locke, J. W.	Fairfield	1845	Ohio		Ky.	Effective
Lowe, J. W.	Piasa	1854	S. Ill.		Ky.	Sup'n'd
Loy, F. W.	Lebanon	1882	S. Ill.			Effective
McGriff, J. H.	Carbondale	1869	Holston		Pa.	Effective
McIntosh, J. W.	Corrinth	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
McMorrow, W.	Hagerstown	1869	S. Ill.			Effective
Manier, R. H.	Edwardsville	1856	S. Ill.		Ten.	Effective
Manifold, H.	Iuka	1857	S. Ill.		Pa.	Effective
Massey, R. H.	Chester	1858	S. Ill.		Ind.	Effective
Massey, T. J.	Sumner	1878	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Mathis, R. E.	Equality	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Moore, D.	Staunton	1876	S. Ill.		Irl'd	Effective
Morrison, A. B.	Litchfield	1855	S. Ill.		O.	Supn'ry
Mulvaney, W. H.	Moccasin	1882	S. Ill.			Effective
Morris, Wm. T.	Grayville	1883	S. Ill.			Effective
Morris, J. W.	Caseyville	1883	S. Ill.			Effective
Nall, J. W.	Mason	1875	S. Ill.		N.C.	Effective
Nash, C.	Carbondale	1867	S. Ill.		Ten.	Effective
Oglesby, D.	Richview	1856	S. Ill.		Ill.	Sup'n'd
Pender, J. T.	McLeansboro	1875	Ky.	1880	Ky.	Effective

Pierce, B. R.	Centralia	1857	S. Ill.		Ky.	Effective
Pierce, R. E.	Evanston	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Phillips, J. W.	Alton	1861	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Powers, M. N.	Fairfield	1862	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Randle, R.	Taylorville	1855	S. Ill.		Ga.	Sup'n'd
Ransom, A.	Trenton	1852	Ill.		N.Y	Effective
Ravenscroft, J. B.	Flora	1869	S. Ill.		Eng	Effective
Ravenscroft, W. E.	Greenville			1877	Eng	Effective
Reeder, J. D.	Mt. Erie	1874	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Reef, J. R.	Benton	1870	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Reynolds, J. B.	Salem	1858	Ill.	1874	Ill.	Effective
Robinson, J. A.	Shipman	1851	Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Root, E.	Elkville	1878	S. Ill.		Va.	Effective
Rutherford, J. P.	Mulberry Grove	1859	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Sabine, C. W.	Collinsville	1870	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Scarritt, J. A.	Alton	1853	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Scawthon, G. W.	Murphysboro	1868	S. Ill.		Eng	Effective
Scott, W. H.	Benicia, Cal.	1876	S. Ill.		Pa.	Effective
Sears, H.	Effingham	1853	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Seed, G. A.	Belmont	1879	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Snell, A.	Miles	1857	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Stauffer, N.	Clay City	1877	S. Ill.			Effective
Thompson, J. B.	Vandalia	1875	S. Ill.		Md.	Effective
Thomson, F. L.	Nashville	1868	S. Ill.		Ten.	Effective
Thrall, L. W.	Metropolis	1872	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Thrapp, J. A.	Flora	1858	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Tilroe, W.	Newton	1869	S. Ill.		Hl'd	Effective
Tolle, C. J. T.	Patoka	1849	Ill.		Ky.	Sup'n'd
Treadgold, E.	Luther, Mich.					Supn'ry
Tyner, W. H.	Bunker Hill	1870	S. Ill.		Ill.	Supn'ry
VanCleve, J. W.	Gillespie	1875	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
VanCleve, W.	McLeansboro, Ill	1866	S. Ill.		N.J.	Effective
VanCleve, J.	Grayville	1882	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
VanTreese, F. M.	Jerseyville	1869	S. Ill.		Ind.	Effective
Vallow, J. C.	Irvington	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Van Houten, A. W.	Xenia	1884	S. Ill.			Effective
Waggonner, G. W.	Upper Alton	1856	Ill.		Ten.	Effective
Walker, L. S.	Richview	1859	S. Ill.		Ill.	Supn'ry
Walker, Samuel	Clement	1859	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Wallar, J. L.	Effingham	1868	S. Ill.		Ill.	Effective
Wallis, W.	Ashley	1867	S. Ill.		Irl'd	Effective
Weeden, J.		1863	S. Ill.			Effective
Whitzell, G. W.	Dudlyville	1875	S. Ill.		O.	Supn'ry
Wilson, C. P.	Bunker Hill	1877	S. Ill.		O.	Effective
Wilson, G. W.	Lebanon	1878	S. Ill.		Irl'd	Supn'ry
Woolard, J. B.	Mulberry Grove	1839	Ill.		N.C.	Sup'n'd
Yungling, J. P.	Mier	1873	S. Ill.		Va.	Effective

III. PROBATIONERS IN CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.	YEAR.	CONFERENCE.
Britton, Isaiah W. . .	Oblong	1883..	Southern Illinois.
Edwards, Wm. W.	Troy	1883..	" "
Hale, W. G.	Oblong	1883..	" "
House, Jabez Bunting.	Wanda	1883.	" "
Hoar, Benj. A.	Watson	1883..	" "
Harmm, Josiah G.	Evanston	1884..	" "
Harmon, John F.	Evanston	1882..	" "
Hennessy, John D. . .	Flat Rock	1883..	" "
Huffman, J. T.	Grafton	1884..	" "
Leatherman, Jacob A.	Rose Bud	1883..	" "
Orr, Daniel.	Venice	1883..	" "
Parker, Charles E.	Belknap	1884..	" "
Pierce, Wm. H.	Evanston	1883..	" "
Tilroe, Wm. E.	Wakefield	1883..	" "
West, Fletcher L.	Farina	1884..	" "
Wilkin, Lafayette C. . .	Rose Hill	1884..	" "

SUPPLIES.

Baxter, E. M. Jeffersonville	Harris, John. . . Spring Garden
Brannum, W. T. Beaucoup	Holloway, A. P. . . New Burnsides
Beckett, C. A. Albion	Hutchcraft, H. Macedonia
Bundy, I. Central City	Morris, C. W. . . Elizabethtown
Crow, P. A. Lebanon	Nickerson, J. E. Sumner
Crenshaw, J. D. Tamaroa	Oliver, R. Wayne City
Carson, J. Bridgeport	Reed, J. Y. Eddyville
Cullom, J. E. Flat Rock	Sharp, A. P. O'Fallon
Davis, A. C. Woodlawn	Shepherd, G. W. . . Louisville
Easterly, C. W. Steel Mills	. . . . .

IV.-MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE, DECEASED.

NAMES.	NATIVITY.		ENT. TRAVELING CONNEC'N.		DECEASED.	
	When.	Where.	When.	Conference.	When.	Where.
Haley, James M.		Ky.		Ill.	1855	Alton.
Allyn, Henry	1813	Conn.	1851	S. Ill.	1855	Nashville, Ill.
Kendall, John D.	1824		1853	S. Ill.	1857	Fairview, Ill.
Vest, James	1801	Tenn.	1851	Ill.	1858	Mascoutah, Ill.
Massey, James M.	1809	Tenn.	1831	Ill.	1859	Marion County, Ill.
Maxey, Wm. H.	1823	Ill.	1856	S. Ill.	1859	Xenia, Ill.
Chandler, Thos. W.	1799		1827	Ky.	1860	Alton, Ill.
Shepherd, John	1789	Pa.	1836	Ill.	1861	Williamson Co., Ill.
McCord, Charles A.	1813	Ky.	1853	S. Ill.	1861	Tamaroa, Ill.
Ayers, R. G.	1837	Ohio	1858	S. Ill.	1862	Equality, Ill.
Calman, John	1833	Ireland	1860	S. Ill.	1861	Alton, Ill.
Walls, F. T.			1848	Ill.	1862	
Shepherd, Moses			1851	Ill.	1862	DuQuoin, Ill.
Glaze, John	1811	Ohio	1862	S. Ill.	1863	Albion, Ill.
Allyn, Norman	1810	Conn.			1864	Bunker Hill, Ill.
Babbitt, Carlisle	1808	Vt.	1831	Ky.	1-64	Olney, Ill.
Nall, Richard J.	1818	N. C.	1839	Ill.	1864	Lawrenceville, Ill.
Huggins, W. C.	1875		1857	S. Ill.	1865	Equality, Ill.
Holt, John			1853	S. Ill.	1866	Hebron, Ill.
Cliffe, William		Eng.	1843	Ill.	1866	Olney, Ill.
Spencer, Travis O.			1859	S. Ill.	1866	DuQuoin, Ill.
Mitchell, Wm. M.	1816	Va.	1854	Ill.	1869	Richview, Ill.
Thatcher, John	1816	Conn.	1835	Mo.	1869	Mt. Erie, Ill.
Hamilton, Presley P.	1824	Ill.	1863	S. Ill.	1869	Litchfield, Ill.
Frazer, John	1803	Ireland	1831	N. Y.	1871	Lebanon, Ill.
Morrison, Jonas S.	1836	N. Y.	1859	S. Ill.	1871	Shipman, Ill.
Corrington, Wm. H.	1816	Ky.	1863	S. Ill.	1872	Belleville, Ill.
Richardson, Jas. I.	1808	Tenn.	1837	Ill.	1872	Marion County, Ill.
Lambert, Cavey	1809	Eng.	1851	Ill.	1873	Grayville, Ill.
Clifford, Zelotes S.	1815	N. H.	1843	Ind.	1872	New Haven, Ill.
Copeland, Jas.	1836	Mo.	1867	S. Ill.	1872	Lebanon, Ill.
Walker, Wm. S. C.	1830	Tenn.	1865	S. Ill.	1873	McLeansboro, Ill.
Powell, Joseph S.				Ala.	1873	Clay City, Ill.
Taylor, Wm. R.	1836	Ill.	1870	S. Ill	1873	Spring Garden, Ill.
Greenlaw, Lowell M	1850	N. Y.	1872	S. Ill.	1873	Columbia, Ill.
Armstrong, I. S.	1824	Ohio	1869	S. Ill.	1874	Noble, Ill.
Risley, Asahel L.	1804	Ky.	1827	Ind.	1874	Lebanon, Ill.
Randle, Thomas					1874	Upper Alton, Ill.
Van Cleve, John	1804	N. J.	1828	Ill.	1875	New York.
Hawley, Nelson	1807		1842	Ill.	1875	Middletown, O.
Dickson, Wm. C.		Ky.	1867	S. Ill.	1877	Olney, Ill.
Jay, Charles F.	1820	Pa.	1851	S. Ill.	1878	Steelville, Ill.
Van Winkle, D. B.			1860	S. Ill.	1878	DuQuoin, Ill.
Williamson, D.		Va.	1846	Ind.	1878	Watson, Ill.
Campbell, A.	1811	Pa.	1853	S. Ill.	1879	Freeburg, Ill.
Deneen, W. L.		Pa.	1828	Ill.	1879	Lebanon, Ill.
Walker, Simeon	1802	Ga.	1830	Ill.	1880	Carbondale, Ill.
Harrington, S. J.	1845	Pa.	1873	S. Ill.	1880	Elsah, Ill.
Robbins, G. W.	1800	Ga.	1821	Ky.	1880	Richview, Ill.
Corrington, J. B.	1801	Ky.	1840	Ill.	1880	St. Louis, Mo.
Holliday, C. M.	1807	Ky.	1825	Ky.	1881	O'Fallon, Ill.
Houts, C. J.	1812	Ky.	1838	Ill.	1881	Metropolis, Ill.
Johnson, Jas.	1809	Ky.	1848	Ill.	1881	Patoka, Ill.
Lopas, T. C.	1808	Eng.	1839	Ill.	1881	Greenville, Ill.
Delicate, H.	1842	Eng.	1872	S. Ill.	1882	Wanda, Ill.
Whitaker, W. F.	1842	Ind.	1870	S. Ill.	1882	Belleville, Ill.
Nesbit, A. B.	1842	Ind.	1841	Ind.	1883	Olney, Ill.
Johnson, J. T.	1805	Tenn.	1825	Ill.	1884	Mt. Vernon, Ill.
Farmer, G. W.	1838	N. C.	1866	S. Ill.	1884	Anna, Ill.

V. MINISTERS' WIDOWS.

(Initials of Husband.)

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Allyn, Mrs. H.	Metropolis	Massac	Illinois
Allyn, Mrs. N.	Springfield	Sangamon	Illinois
Armstrong, Mrs. I. S.	Metropolis	Massac	Illinois
Babbitt, Mrs. C.	Centralia	Marion	Illinois
Cliffe, Mrs. W.	Olney	Richland	Illinois
Clifford, Mrs. Z. S.	Equality	Gallatin	Illinois
Dickson, Mrs. W. C.	Fairfield	Wayne	Illinois
Glaze, Mrs. J.	Georgetown		Colorado
Hawley, Mrs. N.	St. Louis		Missouri
Hamilton, Mrs. P. P.	DuQuoin	Perry	Illinois
Jay, Mrs. C. F.	Steel's Mills	Randolph	Illinois
Lambert, Mrs. C.	Grayville	White	Illinois
Mitchell, Mrs. W. W.	Highland	Madison	Illinois
Nall, Mrs. R. J.	Olney	Richland	Illinois
Richardson, Mrs. J. L.	Salem	Marion	Illinois
Thatcher, Mrs. J.	Lebanon	St. Clair	Illinois
Van Cleve, Mrs. J.	Gillespie	Jersey	Illinois
Van Winkle, Mrs. D. B.	DuQuoin	Perry	Illinois
Walker, Mrs. W. S. C.	Carbondale	Jackson	Illinois
Campbell, Mrs. A.	Nashville	Washington	Illinois
Williamson, Mrs. D.	Watson	Effingham	Illinois
Robbins, Mrs. C. W.	Richview	Washington	Illinois
Harrington, Mrs. S. J.	Elsah	Jersey	Illinois
Houts, Mrs. C. J.	Metropolis	Massac	Illinois
Holliday, Mrs. C. M.	O'Fallon	St. Clair	Illinois
Delicate, Mrs. H.	Wanda	Madison	Illinois
Whitaker, Mrs. W. F.	Kinmundy	Marion	Illinois
Kisbet, Mrs. A. B	Olney	Richland	Illinois
Farmer, Mrs. G. W.	Rose Bud	Pope	Illinois

STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

I.

When any member of this Conference intends to object to the passage of the character of any other member, he shall hand the name of such member to the President, who shall pass the name by and direct the case to be investigated.

II.

When any one of our members is called from earth, it shall be the duty of the nearest pastor, or the Presiding Elder of the district, to notify all the preachers in the district of such death and of the time set for the funeral services.

III.

The Secretary of the Conference shall procure annually and distribute to the pastors, envelopes for the benevolent collections and blank reports for our statistics, including that for the circulation of our periodicals.

IV.

At each session of this Conference a publisher shall be elected to publish the minutes of the next session, and such publisher shall be authorized to make arrangements and enter into contract for the publication in advance of the session.

V.

At the anniversary of each of our Conference Societies the committee appointed by the Conference to consider the interests of said society shall present their report for consideration.

VI.

Whenever any member of this Conference desires to withdraw from the same, he shall first notify his Presiding Elder in writing of his intention and settle his accounts with the Book Concern; otherwise his withdrawal will not be accepted.

VII.

The Presiding Elder of the District and the preacher in charge of the Station where the Conference is to be held, together with the Presidents of the several Conference Societies, are instructed to arrange the programme of religious exercises for the ensuing session and if practicable, secure their publication in the *C. C. Advocate.*

VIII.

The publisher of the minutes is instructed to furnish, gratuitously, after each session of the Conference, a copy of the minutes of that session to each family entertaining the members and visitors to the Conference.

IX.

The call for statistics shall be made immediately after the organization of the Conference, and every preacher in charge of a circuit, or station, who does not report his statistics and benevolences before the close of the second session, shall have his name read and be subjected to the censure of the Conference. The statistical reports shall be left in the care of the Statistical Secretary and the envelopes in the hands of the several Conference Treasurers for preservation one year.

X.

The Board of Stewards shall consist of six members, each of whom shall serve three years, two being appointed at each session of the Conference. The Board shall organize by the appointment of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, whose names shall be published and who shall serve one year.

XI.

When the names of candidates for admission on trial, or for orders are called, they shall, if present, be called forward and introduced to the conference.

XII.

Each candidate for admission on trial, or re-admission into the Conference, also for election to Deacon's or Elder's orders, shall be asked by the Bishop presiding: "*Will you wholly abstain from the use of tobacco?*" And candidates for recognition of orders shall, unless excused by vote of the Conference, be examined in the same manner as candidates for ordination.

XIII.

Each preacher shall be expected to take all the collections ordered by the General Conference, and in addition to the usual quarterly love-feast collection, he shall, in all his appointments, take an annual one for Conference claimnants.

XIV.

There shall be a meeting of the Statistical Secretaries and the various Conference Treasurers at 8 o'clock on Friday morning of each session of the Conference, for the purpose of comparing the moneys reported by the Treasurers, and the amounts reported in the statistical tables.

XV.

The Standing Committees of the Conference shall be appointed one year in advance, and the Presiding Elders are empowered to make the nominations and report the same to the Secretary for publication in the minutes.

XVI.

When a minister in the active work dies, the district in which he dies shall provide a monument for him at a cost not to exceed *fifty dollars*, and when a superannuated member dies, the Presiding Elder in whose district he falls shall make an apportionment to the other districts.

XVII.

The Presiding Elders shall be required to furnish the Conference Secretaries hereafter with the amount apportioned to each charge, to the end that the Secretaries may have the correct apportionments.

XVIII.

Each Presiding Elder at the close of his term shall prepare a report of his district not to exceed *fifteen hundred* words, for publication in the minutes.

XIX.

A preacher shall be appointed to preach a sermon on Temperance on the Tuesday evening preceding the session of the Conference, and the Conference Temperance Society shall hold its anniversary in connection with that service.

V. STATISTICS.

Table No. 1.—Statistics for Alton District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.									MIS. SOC.		MINISTER'L SUPPORT.	
																	Missions.												
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Bds. & Parsonage	Building and Im.	Paid off indebtedness on Church property	Present indebtedness on Church property	Current expenses, sexton, light, etc.	Scholars	Officers & Teachers	Scholars of all ages	Fr. Churches	From Sunday Schools	Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'y	Home Mis. Society	Other Collections	For Conference Claimants	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop
Alton	10	141	1	1	18	5	1	$10000	1	$ 2000	$	$	$	$ 167	$ 485	1	20	185	$ 31	$ 16	$ 47	$ 4	$ 1	$ 1	$ 3	$ 9	$	$	$	$ 1119	$ 10
Brighton	4	145		3	1		1	3000	1	1500	50				125	1	19	103	81	12	93	10	5	3	10	7				924	30
Bunker Hill	24	161	1	1	3	4	1	8500	1	1600	645	$ 75	700		212	2	33	192	28	13	41	5		1	5	13		5	32	819	10
Clyde	10	152	3	4	2	4	4	4200			1070		80			4	30	115	16	4	20		1	1		1	8				364	3
Donnelson	19	213	4	3	4	2	4	4000	1	800	1700	300		50		2	17	95	20		20	1	1	1	1	1				513	18
Edwardsville	7	178	2	1	1		2	16000	1	2500	3000			250		2	25	235	40	20	60	4	2	1	3	12	17	2		1264	10
Elsah	42	128	1		28	20	4	7000	1	600		60	60	4		3	30	150	5	20	25	5		1	2	5				646	7
Fidelity	7	95	1	1		2	2	3000			60	450		60		2	18	110	32	3	35	1	1	1	1	1				714	5
Gillespie	32	207	2		7	8	4	9500	1	800	176	40		225		4	47	324	64	36	100	15	5	2	15	22			7	934	40
Godfrey		70					1	1500	1	175				60		1	16	71	61	14	75	254	3	1	6	7	12			694	16
Grafton	43	98	1		6	5	4	4200		22				74		4	37	285	19		19	2	1	1	1	1				405	2
Jerseyville	21	272	1	4	11	73	1	15000	1	3000	500		432	300		1	25	243	200	60	260	25	8	5	25	34		5	10	1305	60
Kane	6	141		1	3	21	2	2750	1	1350	163			100		1	18	133	73	27	100	10	3	2	10	33			16	887	25
Litchfield	12	191	1		3	7	1	1000	1	3000	25	25	1000	150		1	18	150	45	10	55	4	3	1		4		6		1005	10
New Douglas	34	144	1	3	3	12	3	5500	1	1000	1600		360	100		4	31	234	42	8	50	2	1	2	2	6	4		9	651	8
New Douglas		88		2			2	6000						100		2	20	122	2	1	3					2				560	7
Piasa	23	164	1	2	2	12	2	4000	1	1000	55		180	121		1	24	180	85	10	95	10	2	1	4	6		1	4	866	10
Shipman	25	128	2	3	6	14	4	4500	1	800	80			75		3	28	200	70	20	90	10	3	3	8	16	4		5	819	10
Staunton	24	109	1	3	1	11	1	3000	1	1000	80		9	80		1	20	129	42	8	50	12	1	1	10	9	10	31	4	738	8
Upper Alton	21	83	2	2	1		3	3000	1	500				55		2	13	120	14	4	18	2	1	1	2	1				541	13
Wanda																															
Totals	364	2847	25	32	101	200	48	115450	16	21647	9208	950	2988	2667		42	489	3376	970	286	1256	376	42	30	108	190	55	50	87	15768	302

Table No. 1.—Statistics for Lebanon District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.											MIS. COL.	MINISTER'L SUPPORT.			
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Chs. & Parsonage	Building and Im.	Paid old indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Present indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Current expenses (sexton, light, etc)	Schools	Officers & Teach's	Scholars of all ages	Missions. Fr. Churches	Missions. From Sunday Schools	Missions. Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'ty	Home Mis. Soc'ty	Other Collections	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Beaucoup	25	240	2	...	16	16	5	$ 4860	1	$ 650	$1150	$ ...	$ 360	$ 120	5	43	297	$ 37	$ 3	$ 40	$ ...	$ 2	$ 2	$ 1	$ 13	$ ...	$ ...	$ ...	$ 5	$ 585	$ 11
Belleville	11	162	1	3	13	2	1	17500	1	2500	110	...	...	371	1	28	288	110	40	150	18	6	6	10	12	13	62	...	5	1182	40
Carlyle	88	102	1	...	27	36	2	13200	1	1600	112	78	303	341	2	24	162	34	16	50	3	1	1	1	7	2	17	...	9	818	6
Caseyville	9	9	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	220	...
Clement	40	215	1	1	6	34	3	4400	1	1400	...	...	200	100	4	41	220	35	1	36	4	1	1	1	6	5	...	...	6	478	13
Collinsville	20	165	1	...	12	50	1	5000	1	1100	1200	...	...	100	1	23	210	20	...	20	7	2	1	2	2	5	...	...	...	923	5

Table No. 1.—Statistics for Mt. Carmel District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.								MIS. COL.		MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Chs. & Parsonage Building and In.	Paid old indebt'n on Church prop'ty	Present indebt'n on Church prop'ty	Current expenses (sexton, light, etc)	Schools	Officers & Teach'rs	Scholars of all ages	Missions. Ft. Churches	Missions. From Sunday Schools	Missions. Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'ty	Home Mis. Soc'ty	Other Collections	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Belknap	50	300	3	5			4	1800	1	200	50	40	35	15	3	16	100	3	3	6	3	2	2	3	25	12	27		65	310	6
Carmi	10	120			3	21	1	3800	1	2000			400	200	1	16	206	35	15	50	3	2	1	2	1					791	10
Elizabethtown	25	167	1	3	4	15	3	3200	1	600			100	50	4	24	145	22	3	25	2	1	1	2	1					479	11
Enfield	16	347	2		10	30	3	2500	1	1000	26		300	80	3	36	260	26	44	70	12	3	2	10	30	50			5	765	25
Enfield Ct	48	375	1	4	4	89	6	4050						5	4	23	165	23	6	35	1				1				2	605	10
Equality	80	220	5	5	1	44	5	4500	1	250	210	180	90	85	4	24	250	30	2	32	5	2	1	5	14					463	9
Eddyville	77	128	7	2	8	62	2	700						20	4	20	128	5	3	8	3	1		2	4					237	10
Golconda		75					2	1200							2	10	100													110	
Grayville	6	99		2	1		1	2000	1	750				150	1	26	175	33	42	75	12	4	3	10	6	4	26		9	678	30
Grayville Ct	12	201			5	10	5	3802			59	27	94	81	4	37	223	19	6	25	4	1	1	4	10	2			2	475	10
Harrisburg	45	150	2	3	4	12	3	350	2	700	1000		125	50	3	25	275	9	7	16	1			1	2		11			393	11
Hawthorne	27	205	1	4	8	4	3	3000	1	600	300			50	2	16	80	56	14	70	10	2	2	8	60	12				743	21
Middleton	40	260	3	4	9	13	4	1820						20	3	12	110	7		7										337	2
McLeansboro	10	165	1		4	26	1	4000				21		124	1	18	150	35	25	60	10	2	2	8	9	14	25			878	30
McLeansboro Ct	65	207	2	5	1	20	5	2000	1	50	400		40	45	3	18	180	3		3		1	1		1				3	313	10
Metropolis	1	118	1	4	2		1	2000	1	800				215	1	18	160	30	20	50	5	2	2	5	29	1	1	1	5	766	13
Metropolis Ct	33	140		5	4	3	2	2600	1	400	350				4	22	159	5		5	1	1	1						2	280	7
Mt. Carmel	16	225	2	8	7	4	1	10000	1	3000	615			119	1	25	240	101	45	146	15	5	3	10	15	20	23		10	1009	40
New Burnside	173	410	3	2	19	29	9	3600			700		45	17	5	40	250	8		8	1				1					444	8
Omaha	10	260		2	12	15	6	6000	1	350	25			50	3	18	120	15		15	2	1	1	1	1	5				413	7
Opdyke	36	351	2	4	16	129	2	3500	1	450	935	179	159	104	3	27	240	25		25	7	3								556	12
Vienna	101	219	1		16	30	2	1500	1	600	80			75	5	30	260	45	5	50	4	1	1	4	1					555	10
Centerville	10	35					1	600																							2
Totals	891	4807	37	62	138	566	72	68522	16	11750	4748	447	1388	1555	64	501	3976	541	240	781	98	32	23	74	210	120	113	1	103	11600	294
Last Year	338	4397	41	55	119	223	65	66130	14	10925	6938	50	1894	1005	66	495	3991	576	261	837	106	29	29	98	59	88	143		60	12119	302
Increase	553	410		7	19	343	7	2392	2	825		397		550		6						3			151	32			43		
Decrease			4								2190		506		2		15	35	21	56	8		6	14			30	1		519	8

Table No. 1.—Statistics for Mt. Vernon District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP			BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.								MIS. COL.	MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
															Missions.											
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Bks. & Parsonage	Building and Im.	Paid old indebtn. on Church prop'ty	Present indebtn. on Church prop'ty	Current expenses, sexton, light, etc.	Schools	Officers & Teach'rs	Scholars of all ages	Ft. Churches	From Sunday Schools	Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Home Mis. Soc'ty	Other Collections	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Anna and Jonesboro	15	180		6	4	37	2	$2000	2	$150	$9			$10	$135	2	25	250	10	30	40	5	1	1	2	10	$7	$694	$250	$ 8
Ashley and Richview	21	262		2	7	25	2	4500	1	700	35	20			222	2	28	220	33	18	51	7	1	2	3	3	7	10		4	882		8
Benton	23	380	5	4		30	4	3400	1	600	180	80	75		125	3	20	200	16	10	26	3	1	1	2			1			476		7
Cairo	13	108		1	5	8	1	4000	1	2500	290	570			209	1	19	200	40	30	70	10	2	2	3	8		23		5	1230		20
Carbondale	13	200	2		3	15	1	1000	1	2500	82		800		257	1	21	215	100	25	125	*270	4	4	15	5		42		24	1310		51
Chester and Palestine	7	184			41	16	2	8000	1	1500					50	2	14	150	60	10	70	10	2	2	3	3	25			10	890		20
Cobden and Makanda	5	255		3		1	4	2000							40	3	16	150	20	5	25	2	2	2	3	2	4			2	393		8
Corinth	67	561	3	3	19	31	7	3500	1	500	235	100			25	8	54	385	60		60	10			2	7				8	730		12
DeSoto and Ava	7	175	2	1	5	10	3	3100	1	300	25				10	2	15	90	25	5	30	5	1	1	2	1	5				372		10
DuQuoin	8	111	1	3	2	7	1	3000			160				80	2	22	200	10	20	30	2	2	1	2						652		6
DuQuoin Ct	25	275	4	4	3	12	3	2300							5	4	18	105	14		14	2	1	1	1	1				3	374		6
Marion	30	223	2	1	1	10	3	1800	1	850			150		125	4	19	370	30		30	5	1	1	1	7	4			2	779		11
Mound City	6	117		2	10	4	4	3500	1	400	50				50	2	16	100	30	10	40	10	2	1	2	2				4	610		12
Mt. Vernon	70	438	5	3	10	56	1	10000	1	2500			1000		200	1	24	367	270	30	300	50	6	6	8	15	26	55		10	1320		50
Mt. Vernon Ct	5	288	2	8		2	6	7000	1	700	210				25	6	25	275	30	12	42	3	2	2	2	42	9			5	569		8
Murphysboro	3	130	1	1	7	11	2	4400	1	1000	10		300		115	2	16	190	28	12	40	5	2	2	2	17	5			4	725		12
Pinckneyville	4	129	2	1	2	6	1	3500	1	500	35		500		75	1	16	133	8	9	17	20	1	3		11				4	389		7
Sparta		57	1	1	1	2	1	3000	1	900	15				75	1	7	60	5	3	8	2		1		1				2	288		5
Spring Garden	10	338	1	3	4	3	5	2400	1	200	200				20	6	30	200	11		11		1		1	1					377		6
Steelville	4	132	1	3	7	4	1	2000	1	450					25	2	18	107	10		10	1			1	1	2				370		4
Tamaroa	16	178	3		2	11	3	3200	1	200						4	37	226	21	15	36	5	2	2	2	7				2	461		12
Ullin and Elco	11	155	1	4	3	1	4	3550	1	250					36	1	10	40	12	7	19	3	2	2	2	5				5	340		6
Woodlawn	43	105	3		2	3	5	3800						130	18	5	30	200	2	5	7	1			1						270		5
Totals	406	4981	44	54	138	305	66	84950	20	18050	1536	770	3055	1922	65	500	4433	845	256	1101	431	35	37	59	151	88	131		101	14501	294
Last Year	354	4894	54	72	137	189	68	86700	19	17200	5303	1590	4819	1285	62	549	4384	809	214	1023	155	33	32	83	109	108	106		23	14775	296
Increase	52	87			1	116			1	850				637	3		49	36	42	78	276	2	5		42		25		78		
Decrease			10	18			2	1750			3767	820	1764			49										20				274	2

Table No. 1.--Statistics for Olney District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.										MIS. COL.	MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Chs. & Parsonage	Building and Im.	Past'l Indebt'n on Church prop'ty	Present Indebt'n on Church prop'ty	Current expenses, (sexton, light, etc)	Schools	Officers & Teach'rs	Scholars of all ages	Missions. Fr. Churches	From Sunday Schools	Total	For Board of Church Extension.	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tracts Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Home Mis. Society	Other Collections	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Albion	7	380	2	3		2	7	$ 6400	1	$ 1200	$ 15	$	$	$ 171	7	86	684	$ 85	$ 21	$106	$ 10	$ 4	$ 4	$ 5	$ 16	$	$ 14	$	$1077	$ 40
Belmont	18	261	4	1		3	4	4500	1	600	40			70	6	53	353	69	6	75	10	2	2	5	17	10	2	6	592	40
Bible Grove	14	260	1	1	1	42	4	4000			1200		137	50	4	38	248	60		60	6	2	4	4	4			50	399	20
Bridgeport	23	325	1	5	2		4	5400	1	500				130	4	48	334	180	20	200	30	4	6	6	25	15		10	721	60
Calboun	7	300	2	2			6	6000	1	800	60			120	5	50	400	52	8	60	3	1	1	1	2		9		476	12
Clay City	67	232	2	5	3	28	3	4000			60	100	400	80	4	34	255	55	9	64	3		1	3	1	7		6	609	15
Fairfield	29	253	3	2	12	5	1	14000	1	1000	262			275	1	16	220	90	40	130	25	5	10	20	26	17	113	15	13	1070	62
Flat Rock	16	310	2	1	1	9	6	5000	1	800				40	4	56	240	169	18	187	250			110	28				665	37
Flora	3	204	2	3	1		1	3000	1	1000				162	1	21	204	67	33	100	20	3	5	12	28	7		10	878	40
Jeffersonville	15	274	2	3		3	5	3500	1	500			31	25	6	30	260	35	10	45	2	1	1	1	1		32		588	12
Lancaster	10	308	2	5	4	13	5	7000	1	500	800		300	75	5	42	267	79	16	95	5	1	2	1	6	10	12	5	666	23
Louisville	1	134	1	1	7	2	2	2300				300	350	50	2	20	150	50	12	62	10	4	4	8	11	5		10	433	31
Mt. Erie	22	270	1	6	6	44	3	3600	1	1000	1000			140	5	42	375	75	16	91	2		1		2	10	50		736	14
Newton	14	180	1	3	5	35	1	2500	1	900	625	700		150	1	30	300	61	15	76	4	2	2	4				2	780	22
Newton Ct	7	208		3	1	36	2	1600	1	450	130			10	5	40	200	62	1	63	10	5	5	10	12			6	486	40
Oblong	9	440	1	7	4	24	4	4000	1	600	35			24	6	72	435	102	50	152	5	1	1	5	3			6	794	40
Olney	76	445	6	3	10	58	1	7500	1	2000	8	50		175	1	34	325	352	51	403	266	4	5	18	10		42		5	1139	51
Olney Ct	10	302		3	1	4	6	4700	1	100			800	75	3	32	195	101	4	105	4	2	1	3	2		25			378	11
Robinson	23	254		1		2	3	7000	1	1000	400	22		175	3	35	250	104	6	110	5	1	1	4	11				871	35
Rose Hill	11	231	1	4		17	3	2400						70	2	15	110	62	3	65	8	2	3	4	17		1	5	300	20
Sumner	53	372	2	6	4	28	5	9000	1	1000	650			100	4	30	375	246	30	276	15	2	2	25	27			7	856	85
Wakefield	19	254	2	2	13	7	5	4500			1000		400	75	5	54	327	115	15	130	11	2	2	11	36		2	6	434	50
Totals	448	6257	38	70	73	362	81	112000	17	13950	6285	1203	2387	2242	84	878	6507	2271	384	2655	704	55	66	277	279	66	302	15	147	14948	760
Last Year	472	6184	44	89	52	268	77	89050	17	17400	6337	3975	2783	1350	76	921	6480	1906	437	2343	214	60	65	294	146	61	268		1	14436	811
Increase		63			21	94	4	22950						892	8		27	365		312	490		1		133	5	34	15	146	512	
Decrease	24		6	19						3450	52	2772	396			43			53			5		17						51

Table No. 1.--Statistics for Vandalia District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP				BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.										MIS. COL.	MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Chs. & Parsonage	Building and Im.	Paid old indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Present indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Current expenses. (sexton, light, etc)	Schools	Officers & Teach'rs	Scholars of all ages	Missions. Ft. Churches	Missions. From Sunday Schools	Missions. Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Home Mis. Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Soc'ty	Other Collections	Pastor, Presiding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Altamont	14	122	1		1	9	1	$ 3000	1	$ 800	$ 88	$812	$	$ 90	1	21	110	37	$ 13	$ 50	$ 10	$	$ 4	$ 8	$ 5	$	$	$	4	$ 656	$ 24
Avena	15	214	4	2		12	4	6200	1	500		60	40	70	4	37	250	20	44	64	4	2	1	3	3	3			4	492	21
Centralia	38	362	1	3	8	45	1	7700	1	2000	400	72	500	175	1	28	244	264	36	300	25	6	6	25	25		57		10	1299	50
Effingham	24	225	2	1	3	16	1	6000	1	1000	600		230	150	1	19	225	60	10	70	7	1	1	3	17				5	1105	15
Farina	15	175		5	4	26	1	2000			100	50	300	25	2	12	100	30	10	40	5	1	1	3	5	9				354	15
Irvington		133		2	2		3	4500	1	500	75		500	100	2	12	110	16	9	25	10	1	1	5	2	4				547	9
Iuka	21	182	4	3		14	4	3800	1	500	114			40	4	45	240	24	1	25	2	1	1	2	1	5	1			351	7
Johnsonville	25	293	2	2	2	13	5	3500	1	500	500			50	4	30	300	15		15	10	1	1	1	1					549	15
Kinmundy	15	306	1	3		25	3	3800	1	800				106	3	30	365	105	10	115	5	2	2	15	4		50		5	755	30
Mason	34	144	2		3	41	1	1500	1	350				75	1	12	120	18	2	20	2	1	1	3	1				5	443	9
Odin	22	172	1	2	3	21	4	3000	1	400	20			75	4	36	165	16		16	3	3	1	3	4					390	10
Patoka	52	260	1	1		30	4	5250	1	500				150	3	27	175	14		14	4	1	1	3	1					466	12
Pleasant Grove	7	328	1	3		13	4	3900	1	600	30			60	4	45	300	55	6	61	5	2	1	4	7				4	631	30
Ramsey	8	155	3	3	7	5	3	2700	1	600			378	64	3	30	178	6		6					7	2	5		4	553	13
Salem	21	193	3	1	1	10	1	6000	1	1000	335	115		115	2	20	150	60	10	70	1			1	5		13			821	15
Shobonier	10	105	2		6	3	2	2200	1	500	400		500	50	3	22	140	7	3	10		1			3		1			364	8
St. Elmo	23	154	1	1	21	2	1	1700	1	550		350	100	80	1	18	175	38	12	50	10	1	1	5	7	5			4	505	20
Vandalia	8	269	1		5	16	1	15000	1	3000	441			240	1	28	286	120	30	150	17	6	6	20	34	24	106			1290	50
Walnut Hill	7	175	2	2	4	10	3	2500	1	250	195			18	3	32	234	26		26	5	3	2	5	4		1		4	569	8
Watson	27	189	1	7	7	50	3	2300	1	500	970		185	28	5	50	300	10		10	6	2	2	5	5		4		3	379	9
Xenia	3	145		3	1		1	2500	1	300	25			50	2	15	150	15		15	4	2	2	3		6				422	9
Totals	389	4301	33	44	78	361	51	89050	20	15150	4293	1459	2733	1811	54	569	4317	956	196	1152	135	37	35	117	141	58	238		52	12941	379
Last Year	502	3870	31	46	88	213	49	84450	19	13300	4057	535	2523	1547	50	493	4102	883	164	1047	102	33	33	100	76	84	165		72	10912	325
Increase		431	2			124	2	4600	1	1850	236	924	210	264	4	76	215	73	32	105	33	4	2	17	65		73			2029	54
Decrease	113			2	10																					26			20		

Recapitulation by Districts.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATIONS.									MIS. COL.		MINISTER'L SUPPORT.		
	Probationers	Full Members	Local Preachers	Deaths	Children	Adults	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	Chs. & Parsonage Building and Im	Paid old Indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Present Indebtn's on Church prop'ty	Current expenses (sexton, light, etc)	Schools	Officers & Teach'rs	Scholars of all ages	Missions. Fr. Churches	Missions. From Sunday Schools	Missions. Total	For Board of Church Extension	Sunday Sch'l Un'n	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid	For Education	Am. Bible Society	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Home Mis. Soc'ty	Other Collections	Pastor, Presding Elder and Bishop	For Conference Claimants
Alton	354	2847	25	32	104	200	48	115450	16	21647	9208	950	2988	2667	42	489	3376	970	286	1256	376	42	30	108	190	55	50	..	87	15768	302
Lebanon	370	2689	19	30	151	265	46	121310	17	19700	7735	247	2380	2542	45	455	3533	553	151	704	83	29	30	43	91	123	185	..	49	12877	206
Mt. Carmel	891	4804	37	62	138	566	72	68522	16	11750	4748	447	1388	1555	64	501	3976	541	240	781	98	32	23	74	210	120	113	1	103	11600	294
Mt. Vernon	406	4981	44	54	138	15	66	84950	20	18050	1536	770	3055	1922	65	500	4433	845	256	1101	431	35	37	59	151	88	131	..	101	14501	294
Olney	448	6257	38	70	73	362	81	112000	17	13950	6285	1203	2387	2242	84	878	6507	2271	384	2655	704	55	66	277	279	66	302	15	147	14948	760
Vandalia	389	4301	33	44	78	351	51	89050	20	15150	4293	1459	2733	1811	54	569	4317	956	196	1152	135	37	35	117	141	58	238	..	52	12941	379
Grand Totals	2868	25882	196	292	682	1769	364	591282	106	100247	33805	5076	14931	12739	354	3392	26142	6136	1513	7649	1827	230	221	678	1062	510	1019	16	539	82635	2235
Last Year	2180	24447	214	333	525	1095	351	537880	102	100175	30598	7159	26349	11163	328	3227	25409	5654	1502	7156	821	230	211	736	587	551	896	..	607	81412	2303
Increase	688	1435	....	....	157	674	13	53402	4	72	3207	....	....	1576	26	165	733	482	11	493	1006	....	10	....	475	..	123	16	....	1223	....
Decrease	....	....	18	41	..	....	....	..	....	....	..	2083	11418	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	58	....	41	....	..	68	....	68

NOTE.—The last General Conference ordered that all monies be reported in even dollars, which will account for any discrepancies that may appear between the reports of the Treasurers and these Statistics.

Table No. 2.--Statistics for Alton District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										PERIODICALS.					
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders.*		*Bishops*		*Confer Claima'ts*			C. C. Advocates.	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews.	Manual	Other Periodicals.	Total Periodicals.
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid.	Apportioned	Paid.	Apportioned	Paid.							
Alton	C. W. Sabin	$ 1050	$ 1050	$ ...	$ 64	$ 64	$ 12	$ 5	$ 40	$ 10		...	...	...	...	...	...
Brighton	J. Earp	850	850	.....	64	64	10	10	40	30		...	...	...	...	...	...
Bunker Hill	W. H. Tyner	850	750	100	64	64	8	5	40	10		...	...	...	...	...	...
Clyde	C. E. Parker	500	314	186	60	45	8	5	25	3		...	...	...	...	...	...
Donnelson	J. B. House	572	452	122	60	60	8	1	30	18		15	2	1	2	30	50
Edwardsville	R. H. Manier	1200	1200	.....	60	60	8	4	10	10		27	3	2	1	200	233
Elsah	L. E. Cole	700	590	110	60	50	8	6	20	7		...	...	...	...	...	...
Fidelity	L. Cramp	660	660	.....	50	50	8	4	20	5		...	...	...	...	...	...
Gillespie	J. W. VanCleve	860	860	.....	64	64	10	10	40	40		14	4	..	1	...	19
Godfrey	J. W. Caldwell	650	650	.....	40	40	8	4	20	16		...	...	...	...	...	...
Grafton	R. E. Green	480	350	130	50	50	5	5	30	2		...	...	...	...	...	...
Jerseyville	F. M. Van Treese	1200	1200	.....	90	90	15	15	60	60		32	3	2	1	...	38
Kane	N. H. Lee	820	820	.....	60	60	8	7	40	25		20	2	..	4	...	27
Litchfield	J. A. Robinson	940	940	.....	60	60	....	5	.....	10		...	...	...	...	...	...
New Douglas	J. A. Hampton	672	622	50	64	64	8	5	40	8		...	...	...	...	...	...
Piasa	J. W. Lowe	510	510	.....	50	50	.....	....	20	7		20	2	..	1	10	33
Shipman	S. P. Groves	800	800	.....	64	60	10	6	.....	10		...	...	...	...	...	...
Staunton	R. Z. Fahs	750	750	.....	64	64	8	5	40	10		18	1	..	1	10	30
Upper Alton	R. H. Massey	720	680	40	50	50	8	8	20	8		24	1	1	1	1	28
Wanda	A. Snell	610	485	125	64	52	8	4	40	13		14	..	..	..	1	15
Totals	.....	15394	14531	863	1202	1161	158	114	575	302		..	..	..	..	..	...

Table No. 2.-Statistics for Lebanon District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										PERIODICALS.					
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders.*		*Bishops*		*Confer Claims'ts*			C. C. Advocates	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews	Manual	Other Periodicals	Total Periodicals
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid							
Beaucoup	W. T. Brannum	$ 57	$ 53	$ 4	$ 50	$ 50	$ 4	$ 3	$ 20	$ 11		..	..	..	..	..	16
Belleville	W. F. Davis	125	125	—	120	120	12	12	40	40		..	..	..	..	..	..
Carlyle	V. C. Evers	85	76	9	60	51	8	6	25	6		..	..	..	..	..	..
Clement, Caseyville	T. A. Eaton, A. P. Sharp	51	41	9	60	59	5	5	25	13		20	2	1	..	1	30
Collinsville	T. J. Davis	90	86	4	60	60	8	3	20	5		17	2	..	..	15	34
East St. Louis	F. W. Downs	80	68	12	32	28	5	1	8	2		..	..	..	..	..	..
Freeburg	W. W. Edwards	58	45	12	60	36	6	2	30	5		..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenville	F. L. Thompson	90	87	2	64	58	8	6	25	15		27	1	1	1	10	40
Hagarstown	J. P. Rutherford	30	26	3	32	32	3	1	15	6		12	..	..	1	..	13
Lebanon	E. A. Hoyt	98	96	1	100	98	7	7	40	25		20	2	3	2	12	45
Mulberry Grove	W. McMorrow	56	32	23	40	40	5	1	14	6		..	..	..	..	..	..
Nashville	D. Caughlin	60	60	..	50	50	6	6	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..
Okawville	D. Orr	31	22	8	30	30	3	2	15	8		8	..	..	..	..	8
Pocahontas	J. Hobbs	70	50	20	70	64	8	5	30	10		17	..	..	..	..	17
Shiloh and O'Fallon	C. B. Larrabee	45	49	..	60	60	4	2	25	8		..	..	..	..	..	..
Trenton	A. Ransom	70	66	3	80	80	6	6	35	11		..	..	..	..	..	..
Troy and St. Jacobs	R. W. Laughlin, J. Borland	60	47	12	60	55	6	3	24	4		8	2	..	..	..	10
Venice	P. A. Crow	30	30	..	18	18	4	1	2	2		..	..	..	..	..	..
Waterloo	D. Moore	66	59	9	40	40	2	2	..	5		11	1	1	..	..	13
West Belleville	L. M. Flocken	20	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..		..	..	..	..	..	..
Wisetown	S. Walker	45	27	18	50	43	2	2	16	17		1	..	..	..	35	36
Totals		1317	1171	154	1136	1072	112	76	409	206		..	..	..	..	..	..

Table No. 2.—Statistics for Mt. Carmel District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										PERIODICALS.					
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders.*		*Bishops*		*Confer. Claims.*			C. C. Advocates.	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews.	Manual	Other Periodicals	Total Periodicals
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid							
Belknap	W. R. Hammons	$ 336	$ 266	$ 70	$ 44	$ 44	$ 5	$	$ 12	$ 6							
Carmi	V. D. Lingenfelter	720	720		66	66	9	5	30	10							
Elizabethtown	C. W. Morris	500	422	77	50	50	6	6	12	11							
Enfield	J. W. Field	775	676	99	80	80	8	9	24	25	64	2	1		34	101	
Enfield Ct	J. H. Bennet	550	417	132	48	44	5	1	12	9							
Equality	R. E. Mathis	650	540	110	60	60	6	4	12	10							
Eddyville	J. Y. Reid	400	200	200	34	34	6	3	10	10	17	29				46	
Goleondo	E. Baugh	400	250	150	50	50	4	4	12								
Grayville	L. W. Thrall	675	606	74	65	65	7	7	30	30							
Grayville Ct	W. T. Morris	525	421	104	50	50	4	4	12	10	7	2			16	25	
Harrisburg	J. W. Morris	350	335	15	56	56	7	1	11	11							
Hawthorne	R. P. Hammons	675	675		60	60	8	8	24	21	19	2	1	2	7	51	
Middleton	R. Oliver	500	310	90	32	27			12	2							
McLeansboro	J. T. Pender	800	800		72	72	6	6	30	30	18	3	1	1	40	63	
McLeansboro Ct	H. H. Keith	586	266	319	48	44	6	2	16	10							
Metropolis	C. P. Wilson	700	687	13	72	72	7	7	20	13	5	2			10	17	
Metropolis Ct	J. A. Leatherman	362	237	125	40	40	5	3	12	7							
Mt. Carmel	R. M. Carter	900	900		100	100	9	9	40	40							
New Burnside	H. Hutchcraft				44	40	5	1	12	8							
Omaha	A. L. Downey	450	371	79	40	40		2		7							
Opdyke	J. W. Baine	550	500	50	50	50	6	6	12	12							
Vienna	N. Crow	560	490	70	60	60	6	5	16	10	16	1	1		63	81	
Centerville										2							
Total		11964	10089	1777	1222	1104	125	93	294	302							

Table No. 2.—Statistics for Mt. Vernon District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										PERIODICALS					
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders*		*Bishops*		*Conf. Claima'ts*								
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts, incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid		C. C. Advocates	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews	Manual	Other Periodicals	Total Periodicals
Anna and Jonesboro	A. B. Rohrbough	$ 700	$ 644	$ 56	$ 51	$ 47	$ 6	$ 3	$ 12	$ 8							
Ashley and Richview	W. Wallis	800	800	64	77	10	16	5				26	2	1			29
Benton	J. W. Franklin	475	425	50	54	48	7	3	12								
Cairo	J. A. Scarritt	1140	1110		80	80	10	10	20	20							
Carbondale	J. D. Gillham	1200	1200		95	95	15	15	40	51		48	7	1	5		63
Chester and Palestine	J. W. Flint	800	800		80	80	10	10	20	20		22	15	1	2		35
Cobden and Makanda	J. H. McGriff	625	345	280	45	45	6	3	12	8							
Corinth	J. W. McIntosh	685	660	25	66	66	8	4	15	12							
DeSoto and Ava	E. M. Baxter	460	325	135	42	42	6	5	10	10							
DuQuoin	G. W. Scawthorn	720	600	120	48	48	8	4	12	6		13	2	2	6		23
DuQuoin Ct	J. D. Crenshaw	450	334	116	40	36	6	4	8	6		19	2	1			22
Marion	J. Laird	720	720	53	53	53	6	6	10	11		30	2	1			33
Mound City	I. A. Doty	610	560	50	45	45	6	5	12	12		24		1			25
Mt. Vernon	J. W. Locke	1200	1200		105	105	15	15	40	50							
Mt. Vernon Ct	W. E. Ravenscroft	670	496	183	66	66	8	6	15	8		16	2	1			19
Murphysboro	G. W. Waggoner	675	675		44	44	6	6	12	12		25		1		1	27
Pinckneyville	M. House	600	348	252	44	37	6	3	12	6							
Sparta	C. W. Bonner	400	260	140	32	28			6	3							
Spring Garden	D. J. Little	524	349	175	41	27	6	1	10	6							
Steelville	J. H. Jones	510	338	171	40	40	4	2	6	4					10		17
Tamaroa	J. R. Reef	536	420	115	42	35	6	5	12	12		32	4	1	2		39
Ullin and Elco	E. Root	536	340	186	41	33	4	2	8	6		27	2	1			30
Woodlawn	John Harris	380	247	133	28	21	4	3	8	5		16					16
Totals		15416	13026	2304	1262	1131	169	120	312	294							

Table No. 2.—Statistics for Olney District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										PERIODICALS					
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders*		*Bishops*		*Conf. Claima'ts*								
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts, incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid		C. C. Advocates	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews	Manna.	Other Periodicals	Total Periodicals
Albion	L. C. English, J. W. Britton	$ 1150	$ 1007	$ 43	$ 75	$ 60	$ 15	$ 10	$ 80	$ 40		38	2		1		41
Belmont	N. Stauffer	600	541	59	55	39	12	12	40	40		21	3				24
Bridgeport	J. Van Cleve	700	647	53	65	62	12	12	60	60		42	2	1	1		53
Bible Grove	J. F. Harmon	385	350	35	40	41	8	8	30	20		10				7	17
Calhoun	W. Tilroe	675	435	240	64	40	10	1	40	12							
Clay City	F. W. Loy	550	550		64	54	8	4	40	15		19	4	1	1	6	31
Fairfield	M. N. Powers	975	975		80	80	15	15	60	62		7	37	1	1	20	66
Flat Rock	L. F. Crow, J. D. Hennessey	760	600	160	62	62	12	3	62	37							
Flora	J. B. Ravenscroft	800	800		65	65	12	12	40	40		18	3	2	1	1	24
Jeffersonville	C. D. Lingenfelter	575	525	50	65	58	10	5	40	12							
Lancaster	J. P. Yungling	678	618	60	60	40	12	8	40	23		29	1		1	5	36
Louisville	J. G. Dee	460	385	75	40	40	8	8	30	31		21	2	1	1	3	28
Mt. Erie	J. D. Reeder	695	675	20	64	59	12	2	40	14							
Newton	N. E. Harmon	725	725		50	50	8	5	40	22		12	2				14
Newton Ct	J. W. Jackson	550	439	111	45	45	8	8	40	40		21					21
Oblong	G. A. Seed, J. E. Cullom	750	725	25	65	65	6	4	50	40		16	1				17
Olney	N. B. Cooksey	1044	1044		80	80	15	15	65	51		51	11	1		50	113
Olney Ct	J. Carson	550	350	200	64	50		3		11		7	2				9
Robinson	S. Green	900	800	100	65	65	12	6	65	35		41	12				53
Rose Hill	W. G. Hale	350	259	91	44	38	8	3	40	20		27	2		1	1	31
Sumner	T. J. Masey	870	786	84	60	60	10	10	40	85		42	2	1	1	10	56
Wakefield	W. E. Tilroe	400	371	28	52	52	10	10	40	50							
Totals		15142	13607	1434	1324	1205	223	164	982	760							

Table No. 2.--Statistics for Vandalia District, Southern Illinois Conference, for 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										PERIODICALS.						
		Pastors.			*Presiding Elders.*		*Bishops*		*Confer. Claima'ts*									
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid		C. C. Advocates	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews	Manual	Other Periodicals	Total Periodicals
Altamont	S. P. Chapin	$ 600	$ 600	$	$ 50	$ 50	$ 6	$ 6	$ 24	$ 24							
Avena	L. Casey	450	435	15	60	53	8	4	30	21							
Centralia	B. R. Pierce	1200	1200		85	89	10	10	50	50							
Effingham	J. L. Wallar	1000	1000		100	100	8	5	30	15							
Farina	W. H. Pierce	350	300	50	50	50	6	4	24	15	16	1		1			18
Irvington	J. J. Boyer	540	500	40	50	44	6	3	30	9							
Iuka	J. Vallow	400	308	92	50	42	3	1	27	7	23	1		1	22		47
Johnsonville	L. A. Harper	560	500	60	45	45	8	4	30	15	18	1	1				20
Kinmundy	N. Bascom	700	685	15	64	64	10	6	32	30	23	2		1			26
Mason	J. W. Nall	400	400		40	40	6	3	24	9	15	6	1				22
Odin	W. R. Bradley	550	344	206	50	42	6	4	24	10	13						13
Patoka	J. A. Thrapp	525	402	123	60	60	8	4	30	12							
Pleasant Grove	W. H. Mulvaney	575	575		50	50	6	6	30	30	52	2	1		4		59
Ramsey	J. L. Cunningham	700	600	100	50	50	6	3	24	13	12	2		1	4		19
Salem	J. B. Reynolds	920	770	150	80	48	8	3	32	15							
Shobonier	A. W. Van Houton	450	332	118	50	31	6	1	20	8	7						7
St. Elmo	R. E. Pierce	450	450		50	50	6	5	28	20	18	1		1			20
Vandalia	J. B. Thompson	1200	1200		80	80	10	10	50	50	27	8	1	1			37
Walnut Hill	M. L. King	518	512	35	56	53	8	4	24	8							
Watson	B. A. Hoar	400	336	64	40	39	6	4	24	9	13				2		15
Xenia	H. Hanifold	560	380	180	50	39	6	3	20	9							
Totals		13078	11829	1248	1210	1119	147	93	607	379							

Recapitulation of Table No. 2, by Districts.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	NAMES OF PASTORS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT										PERIODICALS.					
		Pastors.			Presiding Elders.		Bishops		Conf. Claim'ts								
		Claims incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Rec'ts incl'g rent or rental value of parsonages.	Deficiencies.	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid	Apportioned	Paid		C. C. Advocates.	Other Advocates	Quarterly Reviews.	Manual	Other Periodicals.	Total Periodicals.
Alton		$15394	$14533	$ 863	$1202	$1161	$158	$114	$ 575	$ 302		184	18	6	12	252	263
Lebanon		13174	11714	1548	1136	1072	112	76	409	206		147	16	6	4	73	262
Mt. Carmel		11964	10089	1777	1222	1104	125	93	371	294		146	41	4	3	170	394
Mt. Vernon		15416	13026	2304	1262	1131	169	120	312	294		305	38	9	12	24	378
Olney		15142	13607	1431	1324	1205	223	164	982	760		422	86	8	9	103	634
Vandalia		13078	11829	1248	1210	1119	147	93	607	379		237	24	4	6	32	293
Grand Totals		84168	74798	9171	7356	7792	934	660	3256	2235							
Last Year		83196	75918	7449	7314	6966	825	639	3304	2303							
Increase		972		1722	42	836	109	21			48	68					
Decrease			1120														

NOTE. The totals of periodicals are omitted because of the failure of many of the brethren to report for their charges.

No. 3.—Statistics Alton District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of schools	Number of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all ages	No. of scholars 15 years old and over	No. of scholars under 15, except infant class	Average attendance of teachers and scholars	No. of library books	Total expenses of schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals taken	Sunday School classmates taken	Officers and teachers who are church members or probationers	Scholars who are church members or probat'rs	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of scholars in infant class
Alton	1	20	185	50	65	150	75	$ 110	100	20	100	17	25	20	70
Brighton	1	19	103	25	64	80	....	57	40	14	....	17	20	....	14
Bunker Hill	2	33	192	75	67	123	460	47	....	13	....	33	50	6	50
Clyde	4	30	115	70	45	105	....	35	84	15	84	30	....	....	....
Donnelson	2	17	95	52	37	66	....	50	....	10	....	16	48	10	6
Edwardsville	2	25	235	100	85	160	....	100	75	20	75	23	20	....	50
Elsah	3	30	150	55	62	110	100	46	50	9	10	24	....	45	33
Fidelity	2	18	110	50	33	60	....	25	25	6	25	13	18	....	27
Gillespie	4	47	374	134	114	241	150	70	75	26	....	40	70	10	76
Godfrey	1	16	71	30	20	50	160	32	....	8	....	16	30	....	21
Grafton	4	37	285	120	80	175	340	89	....	18	....	31	26	8	85
Jerseyville	1	25	243	122	56	168	625	268	75	24	....	24	175	66	65
Kane	1	17	133	40	60	90	50	48	40	14	40	18	24	....	33
Litchfield	1	18	150	50	50	120	....	60	100	18	....	18	30	5	50
New Douglas	4	31	234	110	60	195	55	90	85	19	20	30	142	34	64
Piasa	2	20	122	80	20	90	....	50	60	13	....	16	....	....	22
Shipman	1	24	180	60	90	120	....	80	....	20	70	24	50	40	30
Staunton	3	28	200	50	105	147	40	75	100	13	....	25	23	15	45
Upper Alton	1	20	129	25	129	90	280	33	....	12	....	17	35	25	25
Wanda	2	13	120	61	41	68	25	50	....	3	....	7	7	....	18
Totals	42	488	3426	1359	1283	2408	2360	1415	909	295	424	439	793	284	784

No. 3.—Statistics Lebanon District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total expenses of Schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals taken	Sunday School Classmates taken	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars who are church Members or Probat'rs	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of Scholars in Infant class
Beaucoup	5	43	297	134	105	224	....	$ 70	16	32	....	40	150	50	58
Belleville	1	28	288	80	120	195	700	100	....	25	....	25	40	20	88
Carlyle	2	24	162	72	42	120	....	75	55	20	55	24	70	56	48
Caseyville and Clement	4	41	220	85	123	150	100	70	40	16	50	35	100	40	12
Collinsville	1	23	210	90	50	160	100	115	....	23	....	23	80	50	70
East St. Louis	1	17	300	100	100	180	....	326	....	12	....	10	12	5	100
Freeburg	3	19	90	30	25	75	....	20	....	....	....	12	20	5	35
Greenville	1	16	206	106	40	161	100	70	125	25	....	14	120	18	60
Hagarstown	1	11	80	25	25	60	....	23	....	11	....	11	60	6	30
Lebanon	1	20	215	70	95	155	250	40	....	15	....	18	37	20	50
Mulberry Grove	2	12	100	50	30	80	200	25	....	1	....	10	20	....	20
Nashville	1	12	125	75	25	90	100	65	50	6	50	12	....	20	25
Okawville	2	29	145	47	58	140	100	53	....	9	....	23	40	4	40
Pocahontas	3	30	140	65	40	100	....	75	....	....	....	25	30	15	35
Shiloh and O'Fallon	2	15	80	35	20	75	....	50	40	8	....	14	18	11	25
Trenton	2	20	170	58	71	140	....	52	22	11	25	10	70	30	41
Troy and St. Jacobs	4	40	202	75	65	160	500	55	65	32	15	38	20	4	62
Venice	2	14	253	100	56	172	....	64	40	1	40	14	43	48	97
Waterloo	3	15	100	20	63	83	200	42	30	7	30	13	10	9	17
West Belleville	2	6	60	25	15	45	....	4	....	25	....	6	7	....	20
Wisetown	2	20	90	39	31	70	....	10	....	....	....	16	4	19	20
Totals	45	455	3533	1381	1199	2635	2350	1404	483	279	265	387	951	430	953

No. 3.—Statistics Mt. Carmel District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total expenses of Schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals taken	Sunday School Classmates taken	Sunday School Classmates taken	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars who are church Members or Probat'rs	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of Scholars in Infant class
Belknap	3	16	100	45	30	60		15		10			16	70	6	25
Carmi	1	16	206	85	62	126		75	50	16	....		15	30	35	59
Elizabethtown	4	24	145	65	32	150		36		14			21	50	19	48
Enfield	3	36	260	124	88	200		76		11			36	200		48
Enfield Ct	4	23	165	80	51	120		30		6			23	15		34
Equality	4	24	250	150	80	200	100	65	50	25			14	75		20
Eddyville	4	20	128	38	48	80	50	31	18		24		15	20	16	42
Golconda	3	11	84	40	30	75	60	30	50		50		10	50		14
Grayville	1	26	175	100	45	133	250	94	100	22			26	60		30
Grayville Ct	4	37	223	180	30	150		44	36	22	16		28	100	20	13
Harrisburg	3	25	275	125	105	156		35	2	6			25	120	35	45
Hawthorne	2	16	80	30	30	60		75		12			16	60	10	20
Middleton	3	11	110	30	30	100	300	12					35			50
McLeansboro	1	18	150	80	25	120	75	125	40	56	40		18	75	20	45
McLeansboro Ct	3	18	180	55	70	90		26								55
Metropolis	1	18	160	39	106	136		80	100	15	....		15	6		15
Metropolis Ct	4	22	159	72	67	137		25		11	....		21		9	20
Mt. Carmel	1	25	240	67	118	159	260	91	125	22	....		25	35	4	55
New Burnside	5	40	250	50	175	148		26	1	6	1		30	96		25
Omaha	3	18	120	70	50	120		15					18		4	
Opdyke	3	27	240	165	54	204		105		30			26	215	184	21
Vienna	5	30	260	90	70	225		45		6			30	75	45	100
Totals	65	65	3960	1780	1396	2949	1095	1156	572	290	131		463	1352	407	784

No. 3.—Statistics Mt. Vernon District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of schools	Number of officers and teachers	No. of scholars of all ages	No. of scholars 15 years old and over	No. of scholars under 15, except infant class	Average attendance of teachers and scholars	No. of library books	Total expenses of schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals Taken	Sunday School Classmates taken	Officers and teachers who are church members or probationers	Scholars who are church members or probat'rs	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of scholars in infant class
Anna and Jonesboro	2	25	250	75	115	200	....	129	90	18	12	23	75	35	60
Ashley and Richview	2	28	220	77	63	157	....	60	84	12	....	18	54	33	80
Benton	3	20	200	125	50	125	100	50	....	12	....	20	75	10	25
Cairo	1	19	200	35	50	134	....	75	....	18	....	18	25	15	115
Carbondale	1	21	215	97	58	160	....	146	100	20	100	21	50	37	60
Chester and Palestine	2	14	150	20	90	12	....	30	....	12	....	8	....	15	40
Cobden and Makanda	3	24	150	50	50	96	....	20	....	14	....	23	75	....	50
Corinth	8	54	385	187	88	276	76	56	45	20	17	46	177	47	110
DeSoto and Ava	2	15	90	50	25	80	....	15	24	11	....	14	40	20	15
DuQuoin	2	22	200	100	60	150	....	75	80	12	80	20	50	13	40
DuQuoin Ct	4	18	105	30	40	100	....	12	....	15	....	18	35	....	35
Marion	4	19	370	170	100	285	200	148	25	15	25	14	70	12	100
Mound City	2	16	150	50	70	100	150	50	50	8	50	10	20	2	30
Mt. Vernon	1	24	367	262	50	240	....	80	75	22	....	24	125	100	55
Mt. Vernon Ct	6	25	300	150	100	200	....	25	....	12	....	25	100	2	50
Murphysboro	2	16	190	40	90	160	100	65	70	10	50	16	25	16	60
Pinckneyville	1	16	133	60	20	95	....	30	50	11	....	15	....	5	53
Sparta	1	7	60	20	15	43	....	13	....	....	....	6	12	2	25
Spring Garden	6	30	200	100	75	150	....	50	....	6	....	27	80	10	25
Steelville	2	18	107	60	25	85	50	16	....	4	....	18	15	5	22
Tamaroa	4	37	228	93	83	164	....	48	80	31	....	36	96	12	52
Ullin and Elco	1	10	240	10	20	35	50	33	32	11	32	10	6	2	10
Woodlawn	5	30	200	80	80	160	....	60	....	16	....	20	20	8	40
Totals	65	508	4510	1941	1417	3207	726	1286	805	310	366	450	1235	401	1152

No. 3.—Statistics Olney District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total expenses of Schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals taken	Sunday School Class-mates taken	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of Scholars in Infant class
Albion	7	86	684	320	244	431	50	105	50	40		78	125	15	120
Belmont	6	53	353	145	111	270	100	73	62	18	20	39	85	6	97
Bible Grove	4	38	248	195	22	220	50	16		20		35	200	84	31
Bridgeport	4	48	334	106	148	255	100	86	20	41	20	42	84	20	80
Calhoun	5	50	400	150	160	297		140	32	21	32			6	90
Clay City	4	34	255	175	50	200		40		21		34	150	12	30
Fairfield	1	16	220	100	90	160		80	75	16	75	16		133	30
Flat Rock	4	56	240	50	140	200		80	150	48		56			50
Flora	1	21	214	90	54	172		57	100	22	25	21	50	2	60
Jeffersonville	6	30	240	150	50	200	150	25	30	20	25	25	100	5	40
Lancaster	5	42	267	125	83	190	235	62	75	3	75	47	93	11	59
Louisville	2	20	150	60	60	125		50	40	18		16	100		30
Mt. Erie	5	42	375	187	88	350		70		20		37	70	50	100
Newton	1	30	300	100	150	195	100	75		23		25		50	50
Newton Ct	5	40	200	95	60	160		35		12		36	140	38	45
Oblong	6	72	435	227	94	321		32	27	7		51	88	55	114
Olney	1	34	325	115	150	200		45		13		34	250	75	62
Olney Ct	3	32	195	90	60	130	290	34	60	8	60	26	52	9	45
Robinson	3	35	250	100	100	200		125							50
Rose Hill	2	15	110	60	35	70	90	30		7		15	48	20	15
Sumner	4	30	375	105	210	200		60	120	20	60	28	76	60	60
Wakefield	5	54	327	204	68	245		50		23		53	147	30	55
Totals	84	878	6487	2947	2227	4791	1165	1370	841	421	392	714	1858	681	1313

No. 3.—Statistics Vandalia District, Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools	Number of officers and teachers	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Average attendance of teachers and scholars	No. of library books	Total expenses of Schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals Taken	Sunday School Class-mates taken	Officers and Teachers who are church members or probationers	Scholars who are church members or probationers	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of scholars in infant class
Altamont	1	21	110	50	20	131		80		14		21		70	40
Avena	4	37	250	90	110	175	50	38		20		30	100	15	50
Centralia	1	28	244	100	94	200		125	100	25		28	115	70	50
Effingham	1	19	225	85	100	168		90		18		17	85		40
Farina	2	12	100	60	40	90		20		7		10		40	
Irvington	2	12	110	35	75	100		50	40	9	40	9			
Iuka	4	45	240	130	60	135		50		20		27	110	27	50
Johnsonville	4	30	300	175	60	270		60		24		27	200	9	65
Kinmundy	3	30	365	200	105	250		100	105	19	75	30	200	36	60
Mason	1	12	120	80	25	100		23		12		12	90	60	15
Odin	3	36	165	60	75	110	75	49		15		20	80	48	30
Patoka	3	27	175	85	60	140		40	30	8	24	23	125	35	30
Pleasant Grove	4	45	300	140	90	250		33		10		44	150	31	70
Ramsey	3	30	178	46	84	138	100	68	42	1		30	29	13	48
Salem	2	20	150	65	40	110		38		9		19	65	14	45
Shobonier	3	22	140	60	45	100		60	30	2	30	22	10	1	34
St. Elmo	1	18	175	79	62	125		45		12		17	69	40	35
Vandalia	1	28	286	123	115	170	111	140	100	31	100	26	100	8	48
Walnut Hill	3	32	224	115	79	143		12		6		25		10	30
Watson	5	50	300	200	70	212		32		12		45	65	14	30
Xenia	2	15	150	60	55	123		25	60	8	20				35
Totals	51	557	4197	2003	1389	3148	336	1128	467	273	249	473	1593	541	805

Recapitulation of Table No. 3, by Districts.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars of all Ages	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars	No. of Library Books	Total expenses of Schools this year	Sunday School Advocates taken	Sunday School Journals taken	Sunday School Classmates taken	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers	Scholars who are church Members or Prob'rs	Conversions in Sunday School this year	No. of Scholars in Infant class
Alton	42	488	3426	1359	1283	2408	2360	1415	909	295	424	439	793	284	784
Lebanon	45	455	3533	1381	1199	2635	2350	1404	483	279	265	387	951	430	953
Mt. Carmel	65	501	3960	1780	1396	2949	1095	1156	572	290	131	463	1352	407	784
Mt. Vernon	65	508	4510	1941	1417	3207	726	1286	805	310	366	450	1235	401	1152
Olney	84	878	6487	2947	2227	4791	1165	1370	841	421	392	714	1858	681	1313
Vandalia	51	557	4197	2003	1389	3148	336	1128	467	273	249	473	1593	541	805
Totals	352	3387	26113	11411	8911	19138	8032	7759	4077	1868	1827	2926	7782	2744	5791
Last Year	330	3250	25239	9769	8174	17046	7160	7483	4436	2550	1937	2694	6637	1530	5661
Increase	22	137	874	1642	737	2092	872	276				232	1145	1214	130
Decrease									359	682	110				

*Dr. Allyn paid $250 of the amount collected at Carbondale for Board of Church Extension, and applied on Chaplain McCabe's plan of church building on the frontier.

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THE MARVEL OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

"Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time shall it be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought?"—Numbers xxiii, 23.

"But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us."—2 Corinthians x, 13.

These two passages from our Holy Book suggest a lesson for the hour and encourage some pardonable exultation over the marvelous growth of our beloved church. As we study the real causes of such a wonder of power as this, they allow a certain confidence in the continuance of the Divine blessing. No time need be spent on the exposition or history of either text. It is enough to say that St. Paul did not fear to state what he believed to be the facts of the mighty power of the religion of Jesus and of its miraculous growth in the individual heart and among the nations. He did not scruple to boast of what God had wrought in his day and of the transforming force of this revealed gospel as it was given to him from heaven, with the assurance that it should spread and triumph gloriously in the earth. His only caution is that this boasting shall be according to the rule which God himself has laid down. This is indeed no narrow limit, for it is always according to the "effectual working of the mighty power of the living God," and "beyond all that we ask or think."

The other verse quoted contains the words of unwilling eulogy wrung from a scheming enemy, and it, in fact, exactly states the current opinion of the world concerning our blessed Christianity. Time has proved that human opposition is harmless against all forms of it, because every agency which seeks its overthrow, or even its limitation, is at last reluctantly compelled to confess that God has wrought its increase and made sure its final victory. Any church organization whose members have faith in God and hold that faith in love which works for the good of men, may rely on omnipotent power to keep it alive and make it grow; and it may also boast according to the measure of blessing which he hath distributed to it.

We need not, therefore, hesitate, if the spirit move us, to utter a few Alleluiahs to-day as we commemorate the hundred years of our unity, under the rule of one discipline, administered by one board of itinerant bishops. And no man should reproach us if we speak with a modest confidence of our expectations for the future. A century has demonstrated that God owns our methods with a measure of success which has been reached by no other body of christian workers. Our standards of doctrine have suffered nothing from changes, and our system of operations is now almost the same as at the very beginning. None of these are by any means as singular as they formerly seemed, for nearly all denominations have adopted many of them with slight modifications, and we may safely say all admire them. Let us then be duly joyful and give to the Master the praise of all we claim to have done; but let us not withhold a fair statement of the good works we have already accomplished and under God hope hereafter to do.

Methodism, as a form of Protestant religion, or as a movement to promote the interests of Christianity, or as an effort to "spread scriptural holiness" over the world, is not yet a hundred and sixty years from its cradle, where the Wesleys rocked it in Christ College, Oxford. Men and women now living and in active business can look back and recall the whole half of its life and work. The eyes of every one seventy-eight years old have seen the best half of its progress from its germ, the Holy Club, in 1729. Our sainted Simpson, so lately translated, was born almost exactly in the middle era of its progress, counting from the real conversion of John Wesley and the formation of classes in 1739 and running down to our times, and his glorious life of power and eloquence has covered the period of its greatest growth. In the year of the Bishop's birth the Illinois District appears to have been formed, though circuit riders had for several years traveled the territory occupied by our conference. The whole church in 1811 had less than 200,000 members. It had been a body with a head and a policy less than thirty years, and as a movement in America to convert men it was then not fifty years old. Barbary Heck, Philip Embury, Robert Strawbridge and Captain Webb had begun their work in 1766, and their successors had followed the settlers wherever they had set up their cabins. In 1784 the Methodist ministers, assembled in Baltimore, accepted or elected two Bishops and recognized themselves men truly and properly ordained as Christian apostles, divinely chosen by God's spirit and duly empowered to preach, to baptize, to administer sacraments and to gather men into a church organization. For eighteen years they had been converting the people and forming classes or societies, and

they had inducted into these eighteen thousand souls. Their own number was one hundred and four. They had scattered themselves from New York to Georgia in fifty-two circuits or appointments, no one of which touched the Alleghanies. Not a man of all these one hundred and four was to set foot in New England that year or to tread the wilderness which hid the noblest valley of the world.

To-day the number both of members and preachers has been multiplied by a hundred who remain in our own communion, and by at least two hundred, if we count all the Methodistic bodies in the land, and probably by five hundred, if we number their converts who have entered and regenerated our sister churches. That is a growth beyond anything in ecclesiastical history, not even excepting the apostolic church of the first centuries. And if we reckon—as justice demands that we ought to do—our hearers, who, in not a few cases are as much christianized as some of our actual members, we shall bring the numbers of our church's converts and adherents up to about twelve millions. Our church has this year in its temples of worship more than twelve and a half millions of sittings and is adding to them at the rate of two thousand a month. This indicates that we hold ourselves responsible already for the spiritual instruction and moral discipline of at least one-fourth of the population of the nation. The various bodies who hold our forms of belief and usage, by their differing names and races, black and white, native and foreign, do give in this country ithe relgious training, more or less, of one in four of all our people. It is a burdensome duty and a marvel of religious growth. The increase exceeds that of the population in a large degree. In 1790, six years after our church organization, the nation counted almost 4,000,000, and we 57,631, with 227 preachers, having in those six years multiplied the membership by three and the ministry by two. The nation has since multiplied itself by fourteen; our special branch of Methodism has increased over thirty-fold, and all its several offshoots have grown to a hundred-fold. Our progress in other particulars, as, for instance, in the main elements of the desirable characteristics of a church, vital piety, or genuine religious life in the soul and purity of morals, general benevolence and philanthropy, charity in heart and speech and kindly intercourse with neighbors, cannot be so readily calculated in figures. We can only estimate the relative amount of these by some general considerations.

That we are more truly intelligent may be inferred, in part at least, from the number and patronage of our colleges and from the emphatic manner in which our people stand by the public schools. That we have grown in wealth and in social influence and refine-

ment needs no proof. From being a sect everywhere distrusted and ridiculed, and often derided for illiteracy, we are to-day honored as the equal of any and counted as the most powerful. That we have become more systematic and liberal in benevolences need not be said so long as our philanthropic and educational, our charitable and missionary enterprises collect and disburse annually not less than $1,500,000, and all are managed in a most admirably efficient way.

Sum up our denominational progress since 1766, or from the day when, in 1769, the twenty-sixth British Wesleyan Conference raised fifty-two pounds to send Joseph Pillmore and Richard Boardman to America, or from the Christmas when Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury were accepted and elected Bishops, and the history is a marvel in whatever light it is seen. Look at the one germ planted in Episcopal New York by Barbara Heck and Philip Embury, another dropped by Captain James Webb in Quaker Philadelphia, and the other sown by Robert Strawbridge in Catholic Maryland, and see to what the harvest has grown! The fruit shakes like Lebanon. The mountain of the Lord's house is already exalted above the hilltops and all the nations read by the light its summit bears. These sparks of grace kindled in the hearts of the lowly have carried their fires around the globe, and their beacons blaze in every land and in almost every province and city of earth. Every year our Bishops circle the world in their travels and lay our obligations to preach on hearts of every race of men. Every living language of power, saving the barbarous Russian, tells our version of scriptural holiness. The strong German, the rugged Norse, the polished French, the stately Spanish, the old philosophical Sanskrit, the modern Hindu, the conservative Chinese and the progressive tongue of Japan, all vie with the cosmopolitan English of commerce to preach our doctrine of life and power. We are now knocking at the gates of isolated Corea and driving our wedges of joy into the rift between Turkey and Russia, where Roumania and Wallachia are demanding political independence. The "effectual doors" are open to us wide as the chambers of the east to the beams of the morning sun, and no shades of western night are shut against our songs and our prayers, our hallelujahs and amens, which keep pace with the dawn and travel with the day round the globe. Like the carols of waking birds, our hymns accompany the morning stars in their early marches, intermitting their melodies no more than those stars veil their fires in the sky. Every tongue of babbling earth can speak and every ear can hear our free, social, jubilant gospel of full salvation, and the world exults in it. What has caused all this?

First and more than all else, indeed the all, the essence of the whole, has been our soul-life, the Holy Ghost creating in our individual members a spiritual or divine life. The first Methodists were alive; had Christ's life in them; were set on fire from above, and cherishing that holy flame in themselves, they set other hearts on fire. The secret of all their stability, when less than a dozen were left alone amidst the temptations of the great cities and their wickedness, was this strange marvel---spiritual life.

It has been the wonder of the ages that truth and virtue, justice and honor survive the discouragements of vice and sin in this world at any time, and that love and reverence for law, and faith and obedience to an unseen power as God, should abide amidst indifference and ridicule, opposition and active persecution, is an astounding problem. But that this divine life in the human heart should thrive at all in this sin-governed earth and at length be able to propagate itself into other hearts, is greater than a miracle. It has been reserved for our day and for our church to give the most striking example of this wonder-working power, one so overwhelming that it might almost astonish a sanhedrim of the angels. Nothing but the promise of the Master, "I will be in you," "I am your life," could have given our people this power. The few members to whom Embury and Strawbridge preached, and who gathered and prayed and talked of their religious experiences, with the divine life in their souls, did not simply believe in the necessity or the possibility, or the power or glory of regeneration, or of the life of Christ divinely given to the soul. They had felt this life and knew it each for himself, not by any hear-say or inference. The visitation and incoming of the divine spirit had been to them as real and perceptible in their hearts as was the finger of the angel which touched the sinew of Jacob's thigh and left it out of joint. Every soul of them, preacher and people, realized what a new life was, and they were not afraid nor ashamed to tell it. To them conversion meant something more than a change of purpose, no matter how deliberate or decided; or an election to life eternal, no matter how certain or how ennobling; or than a possibility of attaining an assurance of acceptance with the Spirit of the Highest. It meant God and Christ in the nature and the fullness of joy in consequence. By this life they lived, and by its power they also spread their doctrines and their usages.

The maxim that "all life grows only from life," is as true in religion as in nature. Nowhere is there a case of spontaneous generation proved. Life alone begets life in vegetable or animal. The Divine Spirit begets the spiritual life in the soul of man, and this attracts and continues life. Children of God by the new birth are

thus brought together and a church is formed. By these human spiritual lives others are warmed into desire and the spirit again breathes life. It is as in the beginning, when the Elohim breathed the breath of life into Adam and he became a living soul. Then, as now, in order to create a master and lord of the world something more was necessary than clay fashioned by divine skill and power. A living God must inspire or breathe into the curiously wrought mechanism his own spiritual force and fire, his own energy and life. So our church from its first origin believed and practiced, never hesitating to declare this fruitful truth and never allowing it to be forgotten or ignored that man is nothing unless born of God and holding fast to the life of Christ in the soul. This practical belief carried into daily duty gave the religious world a new impulse. It fired a host of men to brave every privation in order to preach this great practical, vital truth, and it moved men and women to proclaim it till the land was vocal with the sound of full salvation through Christ.

The power of life is a marvel everywhere and in every form in which it can appear. Seek to know the difference between a bit of marble and an acorn. Analyze them in a chemist's laboratory and you find them not so very diverse in their elements—calcium and oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen and oxygen. Put them into an acid. The marble effervesces, foams and finally dissolves. The acorn scarcely shows a sign of change. But cover them in spring time with moist earth and supply them with a proper degree of warmth; the acorn soon sends up a plume of verdant life that lays its hands on materials wrested from air, water, earth and sunlight, and rises in a beauty as fresh as the dew, making for itself a garment of glory and a body of power which adorn the landscape with living nobility, and after a century of wrestling with winds and frosts it has built a tree which gives the mechanic the keel or ribs of a ship to carry the merchant's commercial treasures around the world. The marble has crumbled and mingled with the common dust of the wayside. In what is the difference? IN THE LIFE ALONE.

Take that same acorn and an egg. Give both the proper conditions of heat and position and mark. The acorn sends up its plume of verdure as before and remains fixed to its place in the soil; but from the egg there comes more than a thing of beauty—a life which puts on wings and traverses the air of all climes, a delight and an inspiration. What is the difference? Life again; but how diverse! Now contrast that bird with a man. See how knowledge and reason in him carry him, not through the air, but still above the flight of the bird as far as the clouds sail above the hills. It is life still,

but intellectual life now ; a life which knows, and therefore aspires. This life has another power of higher adjustments, so that it can adapt itself to changing conditions and make apparently adverse circumstances contribute to its real advantage. It can use the lime and earth or rocks to build a shelter for itself, or to help separate iron from its oxides, and can, by heat and artful working, make this into steel and thence into tools which shall increase his power a thousand-fold. Dead matter is made the servant of man, and vegetable and animal life seem to compete with each other gladly to add to his power and intelligence and increase the ability of human reason and force to do all things. Indeed, man's life seems to find no limit to its conquests save the strength of the materials or the time it can command. This life of intelligence and reason has filled the world with marvels of gardens and orchards, of fruitful fields and groaning harvests; of cities and architecture, of sculpture, painting, music, oratory and poetry. It has erected civil governments, how admirable, and covered the globe with agencies to secure comforts to every man, woman and child of the race. See how it provides blessings in homes and opportunities of improvement and refinement by joining all lands and subduing all seas with railways and steamships and telegraphs. It leads toward an unimagined paradise of progress and perfection ; but it may be accompanied, as in Greece and Egypt of old, or in Judea and Turkey of to-day, by a hate of purity and a disregard of truth and right appalling to humanity.

There is, however, still another life—that imparted by the Divine Spirit—which is as much higher than this noble intellectual life as the sky is above Chimborazo, or as a man is higher in rank than an oak. And it has been the special mission of Methodism to proclaim the necessity of this life, to exemplify its beauty and its power, and to compel the people to recognize its excellence. How shall this life be described? How can one who has not been born into it and therefore has not felt the thrill of joy and power which it brings, know what it is and what it signifies? Can a bird or a beast comprehend the delight of the poet as he beholds a sunrise adorned with the thousand glories of earth and sky, and takes in the grandeur of morning as it opens on the sight through the gates of the east? The animal may dance and sing and exult with pleasure, but what can it know of anything that does more than stir the physical frame? A clod might as well be expected to feel the throbs of life which run through the wings of the eagle as she beats the air above the mountain in the morning and seeks food for her young over half a continent, as that an earthly mind should know the fullness of com-

fort and peace and joy, and life and love that overpowers and recreates the soul of a man when the divine life enters the human and seals it the child of God. Earthly distinctions, imperial relationships, scientific attainments and honors, all fade before such a Fatherhood owning as his son the man who has given his heart to truth and to Christ.

When Methodism first began its mission in the land the knowledge of this blessed life had by no means been lost to the world. But ever since there had been promulgated that grand epic of fatalism expounded by Calvin--that logical fiction of predestination, the deepest and noblest of mere human speculations, except pantheism, which is more magnificent and more reasonable—and it had dominated the religious thought of the world, Christians had been forgetting the real conscious presence of the life of God in the soul. Not that they denied the new birth or regeneration. By no means. They had in a way emphasized it; but at the same time they had assumed the impossibility of knowing when it was implanted, or that it was in the soul at all. The old Puritans knew that they were the elect and were therefore possessors of all things. But their descendants insisted that it was simply presumption to claim to know, before death, an assured heirship. Life immortal, life divine, could be known only by dying: and this dogma and this practice made genuine, joyous religion a myth in the world and a gloom in social affairs and human conduct.

Methodism came with the boldest, most aggressive denial of such a statement and affirmed that Jesus died to give life, and that he gave it not only freely, but as a fire from heaven; that he not only regenerates the soul into newness of life, but gives the knowledge of that life and that regeneration with joy and power. It asserted a spiritual life, imparted by the Holy Ghost and consciously known, joyously, rapturously felt, as unmistakably, but more exultingly than the thrill of health returning after sickness, and it demanded that every one of its adherents should experimentally know that he had this life. It must be by no inference, or hope or persuasion. It must be a heaven-assured certainty as firmly seated in the soul as sensation is in the physical nature. Paul could say, "I know that I live, because Christ liveth in me," and every early Methodist must say the same and know it like a fire shut up in the bones.

Descartes once astonished the world, and even philosophy herself, by his simple affirmation, "I think therefore I am." It was to be at once a demonstration of existence, of mind and finally of God. The original Methodists did better than that. They said: "I love, therefore I live;" and because they lived, having been dead, they knew

that Jesus Christ lived. For how could dead souls live unless they had been raised to life by divine power? Life can only grow from life. We do live. Therefore there is a fountain of life. So they lived and sang:

"Fountain of Life to all below,
Let thy salvation roll;
Water, replenish and o'erflow
Every believing soul.
The well of Life to us thou art,
Of joy, the swelling flood,
Wafted by Thee, with willing heart,
We swift return to God."

This life of the Holy Ghost in the soul, or more truly, this new creating of the human nature with Christ as an essential part or element of it, was the one prime idea or practical declaration of Methodism, its contribution to Christian theology and individual experience.

You may talk of the secret of Methodism. It has no secret. Life is its power. Can you hide a live child born into a happy, expectant family? There is no secret in such a case. You cannot suppress the noise it will make nor the joy it will create. It is a new life in the household and it proclaims itself and is a promise of still fuller joy, and everybody rejoices to hear its proclamation of its new life. You may speculate about the philosophy of Methodism, as Isaac Taylor did and as ambitious critics sometimes do. It has no philoshphy in the sense of scientific explanation other than the simple "I have begotten you," of the Lord of Life, and, "Because I live you shall live also." Life, LIFE, spiritual life! eternal life! God's divine life in the nature! This is all the secret; this is all the philosophy there is or can be. It is the life of God and Christ and the Holy Ghost in the man, making him a new creature such as Paul wrote and spoke of, such as the church of all ages has demanded.

Methodism was therefore no protest against ecclesiastical intolerance. It was life in place of ceremony; regeneration as against formalism; supernal power in the heart as against the death of mere legal duty. And it proclaimed its message in all ears and by every instrumentality, insisting that never one of its living sons or daughters shall dare to keep silence. It would as soon expect a bob-o-link to be mute when June sunshine and fragrance are filling the meadows which give food and shelter to his mate and nestlings, as to allow a soul of man, woman or child, filled for the first time with this divine life, to hold his peace. Is he not raised from the dead? and how can his spiritual, social, glorious life be silent?

"Jesus all the day long
Is his joy and his song,
So that all this salvation might see,
He hath loved me, each cried,
He hath suffered and died
And brought life to a rebel like me.

Oh, the rapturous height
Of that holy delight
Which they felt in the life-giving blood;
Of their Savior possessed,
They were perfectly blessed,
And were filled with the fullness of God."

"The fullness of God!" O, the sublime audacity of Christian faith and love! "All the fullness of God!" To claim such a stretch of privilege as this infinity! It is Paul's own word, spoken, too, by divine command. Our church has never been afraid of its daring nor of its mysticism either. Our fathers insisted on its use and shouted it aloud, because the life of God—all the life of God—was in them, and was felt as the trees feel the spring time, or as the birds feel the coming of summer. You may just as well fear that roses will refuse to bourgeon forth under the skies of May, or robins forget to build nests in April, or grapes hesitate to ripen in the sweet air of August, as that converted souls shall mope and pine and despair and never tell their joys when Christ lives in them. These old-time Methodists had a new, a divine, a spiritual life, and they knew it, and they did not fail to let the world know it; and the country very soon acknowledged that all men needed it and hungered for it. So it spread like a prairie fire in a windy September, and still it wins its widening way. The Lord renew this fire and revive this life, and help us to send it forward till it shall burn round the world and consume all sin!

This life is the one element of all our success. It is more than all our achievements as a church, or than all our hundred years of history, exalted in grandeur as that is, for it alone has made the heroic deeds of our ministers and members a possibility and their record a page of such brilliant glory. It has gathered and held together the two millions of our present membership and helped them to convert the three millions more who have entered other churches to fill them with this new life of God in the soul, and every Sabbath day it draws to our chapels ten millions to listen to the story of this supernatural life-power. May not one of our preachers be ashamed to tell it, nor one of our members be afraid to proclaim it! It alone has made us a church which girdles the globe with its altars of prayer and which daily makes every circling hour vocal with ex-

ultant songs of divine life. The Master help us never to lose one note of that song nor abate an iota of its emphasis or joy. Indeed this exultant power in the soul of man is the hidden life of God in the nature, and its vocal expressions and heart-felt devotion make our earth as it flies through the heaven, a symbolic censer of prayerful incense, daily swung in the temple of the universe as an offering of praise to the Triune God and Saviour of men. But the life, the life itself is more than all; it is the marvel of the ages, the promise and security of all to come. Without it any church is dead and any generation hopeless. We must keep it throbbing in our souls or we perish, and unless we proclaim it, our mission is ended. At our General Conference, now truly ecumenical, or world embracing, we may gather the men of all the races, and hear them speak "all the tongues Babel was cleft into," as Milton has it, but what would the tongues of men or of angels avail or profit, if this life of God, this love which is life were wanting? We may heap our altars with sacrifices of money, men, talent, good works, high as our church steeples, calling on every preacher in every conference to know if he last turn has been given to the well-adjusted society screws, designed to press out oil to lubricate some part of our complicated machinery, so cunningly constructed to relieve individuals of personal responsiblity for the humane charities of conduct. What is it all worth? Much every way, as St. Paul says in another sense. But so far as genuine life is concerned, absolutely nothing. The whole church machinery for reading, singing, praying, preaching, may yet be run by some steam engine which warms the room, and unless we keep this holy divine life in our hearts, such an engine would be as good as preachers and choir and congregation too. Without spiritual life behind all our exercises the steam engine will be the better agency, for it will exactly obey Gods' physical law and has never been put under obligations to obey a higher one of duty. Give us the old life and power or we are nothing. The grandest successes of eloquence or learning, the noblest offerings of talents or services, if spiritual power be not the moving impulse, will only reveal our poverty and wretchedness. We shall then be merely beggars in rags and sickness, and all our public performances will but make our death and uselessness the more disgusting. We may build a score of churches every seven days and fill them with crowds of kneeling worshippers who shall be entranced by the logic, the science and eloquence of silver-tongued preachers, or bewitched by the heaven sweeping music of voice or organ. We may gather millions of children in our Sunday Schools and teach them to keep intellectual step with the whole world in reciting international scriptural lessons, arranged by that most wond-

erful organizer, Dr. Vincent, the peer of any general or statesman of the nations, and what will it all be worth if the spiritual life of heart and soul be not maintained in all its pristine power? Or more properly if it shall not be increased? If the church in multiplying her numbers, in giving birth to her children, shall herself die, and in the agony of her disappointment shall be constrained to name those children Ichabods, what millions, though multipled by millions, will console us for the loss of this ark of our covenant, this life of the Mighty God in the soul. Thanks to the Father of all life we have not yet lost this good power of christian life!

Let us now proceed to consider that this life in the souls of our members has had a most potent influence on our doctrines and also on our usages, or institutions, on our whole economy; indeed it has really shaped them all, the creeds we hold, our modes of worship, our system of organization into classes, churches, circuits, districts, in fact our whole history. It will always be the case that life will regulate all, will fashion a body to suit its wants and will control the functions of that body. Even the latest statement of the evolution doctrine declares that "life precedes organization" and that "consciousness must go before a plan or purpose of improvement." But let it first be said that none of our doctrines are what may be properly called new or peculiar. They were preached by Peter, defended by Paul and James, and recommended and illustrated by John, the elder Gaius and the elect lady. Chrysostom and Augustine and Luther and Calvin substantially expounded them. Only our emphatic insistenc on the fact of the spiritual life, already spoken of, made them appear singular. They are the same old gospel of salvation and life through Christ. Modern science affirms that force may show itself in a thousand ways and still be the same power. And religious life may reveal itself in many forms and be the same life of God in the soul though called by different names and having different modifications.

1. Our doctrine of sin has been very pronounced, and while we always insisted on the fact of a hereditary depravity in itself so great as to be hopeless for the individual man, we have strenuously insisted that only a conscious disobedience could cut the soul off from the free mercy of Jehovah. Man is rendered incapable by reason of his inherited depravity of saving himself or of doing meritorious works; but still, till sin separate him from God by a conscious and self-determined act of disobedience, he remains within the reach of a bought salvation. The essence of sin therefore is a willful separation of the soul from the King of mankind and the Ruler of the thoughts. This definiton makes the apostacy of a believer possible

and gives room for our doctrine of back slidings and restorations, which has been so often carricatured and often misunderstood. Sin is the most fatal of human activities, as it sets up a frail and fallible judgment and power against an Omnipotent and All-Wise Intelligence, and seeks to rule not simply itself but all other things for its advantage. Our fathers held that every act of the mind or of the heart which sought an end out of God or contrary to his law was a sin, and that every such act severed the vital connections between God and the soul. Hence this life could be renewed only by the new contact of the soul and God. Sin to them was therefore the most terrible fate a man could fall into, not simply so much because of the punishment to be inflicted, as because of the death of a soul which it implied. As the branch cut off from the tree is dead, so the man cut off by his sin from Christ was dead, and death meant to them all that is hopeless, decaying, putrifying.

2. Another doctrine dear to us all and always stated by our ministers with joy and power is that of "free grace." So infinite is the sum of benefits derived from Christ and God that we may practically declare that all comes from Him; and so little can we do, so little have we and all men done in the line of helpful morality, that we may call it all nothing. Hence we say that we can do nothing to assist in bringing the new life of Jesus to the soul, or in keeping it alive in the heart. To simply open the mind and cherish a living desire for God, to long for his presence and turn from all temptation to set up our own will; to have a faith in God's goodness and power and to put the whole cause into the hands of Jesus, is all we can do. And then when the Saviour is offered, the soul is to receive him and remember that the believer is "born not of blood, nor of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." This grace, free as the air, is as universal as gravitation, and will lift every heart to holiness and righteousness, to Christ and his life, unless consciously rejected. We call it therefore free grace and proclaim it as the purchased heritage of the race, and we say it can only be forfeited by actual sin separating the soul from its Savior.

3. A third point of doctrine so fully emphasized by our pioneers is that of an atonement or sacrifice by suffering. It is an observed fact that even our common blessings, our daily advantages come to us from the toils and privations of others. They make sacrifices consciously and with design to provide opportunities for improvement and gain to others. Especially is this the case where human affection prevails. Here deliberate choice selects means and provides by its own pain for the joy of the beloved one. Very largely too is this the case even when there is no real choice of sacrifice or

suffering. Human life begins with the agony of another almost equivalent death. And the nurture and care and deprivation required of parents to support and educate a child to maturity, how great. Then note the revealed fact, coincident with this, that the life of toil and suffering, and the death of shame and despair of our Lord and Savior, have in some way purchased pardon and sanctification. Connect this with our doctrine of a divine life in the soul, or rather, base that doctrine on this sacrifice of Christ as its foundation, and we have the substance and glory of our Methodist theology, the sacrifical atonement by Jesus, the vicarious mediator and author of all salvation. Our preaching has always been vitalized by this. The Cross has stood in the foreground of every picture of hope we have drawn to set before the eyes of the perishing. It has hung as a sign in every heaven we have pointed men to, as a symbol of faith and conquest. Nothing but the Cross has been held up to the dying sinner's mind on which he could fasten and from which he could find a hope. We have never made it an idol as the Roman Church seems many times to do. We have never allowed ourselves to call the sufferings of the Savior penal, and hardly substitutional in any popular sense, but that they were vicarious, and that they do bring help and redemption in some marvelous and mighty manner, we have always believed and gloried in. These pains and sacrifices of a sinless Infinite One, who became our brother in the flesh, who still lives to impart to us, in a mysterious way, his own divine life and to beget us anew, are our standard themes in all our pulpits, and their power does bring us to God and enable us to endure and grow into all that "fullness of God" which has been our inspiration.

4. Our doctrine presses another point already mentioned. It is one of our vital dogmas and is to be defended at the peril of all else. Our ideas of conversion or regeneration, or the life of God implanted by the Holy Ghost in the soul, have always been our clearest, most emphatic, most frequent utterances. We have kept these statements ringing on the air in all our preaching and discussions, at our camp-meetings, at our conferences, in our Sabbath services, and in our weekly prayer and class meetings and love feasts. Clearly known conversion has been coupled with the glorious doctrine and the living practice of a perfect character of love and faith such as makes the human soul a "perfect man in Christ Jesus. We have insisted that this shall be known as to the time of its beginning and shall be as unmistakably felt as is the action of the mind itself. A man is to know that he does love God just as certainly as he knows that he loves wife or children; and, what is sometimes regarded as a trifle mystical but which must still be maintained as a necessity, he

must also know that God loves and approves him just as surely as he knows that wife or child loves him. The love for God in his soul must be felt, and the answering love in God for him must be communicated to his soul; in other words, a conscious love in his heart must answer to the divine witnessing spirit which speaks intelligently to him. Wesley struck the key-note, and the whole line of the fathers sang with enthusiasm:

"The Father hears him pray,
His dear Anointed One,
He cannot turn away
The presence of his Son.
The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled,
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child,
I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And Father, Abba, Father, cry."

This gives the fullness of peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, and it is the perfectness of love, the completeness of faith, the unhesitation of a perfect obedience that walks boldly to the precipice, if need be, and, while poising its uplifted foot over the mighty void, finds a great rock rising before it and making a highway for its triumphant march toward the kingdom of life. This is our doctrine of holiness. Let us bless Jehovah for it and maintain it with an earnest faith and a prayerful wisdom and prudence! The preaching of it has been one of our specialties. For our hundred years of ecclesiastical life the land has rung with it. Our pulpits defend it, our people claim to know it, and all our economy is redolent with its heavenly fragrance. Our doctrines of a new birth, sudden and known, thrilling the nature, the certainty that this is no act of man's, but the gift of God's free grace, and the belief that this new life is to be made perfect, to grow till the man becomes perfect in Christ, always in Christ, however,—all this our church has "steadfastly believed" and must believe to the end; and the proclamation of it, and more especially the living it, has it not changed the whole experience and practical Christianity of all the churches? It has taught them the power of a divine life. They have called it by other names, but they have cheerfully accepted the experience and termed it the "rest of faith," "the higher life," "assurance," and they hold it as an entire consecration, a sure confidence. Methodism, whatever else it has done or has not done, has made this doctrine of "scriptural holiness" the one universally believed and popular idea of Chris-

tianity. The believer is to trust to Christ, who is held to be a personal presence and a living, loving power, so fully that he is to rest in him without sin, to be blameless, united to him, and to be filled with love, conscious of Christ's sweet nature within him, full of his infinite tenderness and of the abiding blessedness of communion with him.

Such a doctrine of marvelous privileges, of such exalted dignity and spiritual exultation, naturally grew out of the life of the Divine Nature in the soul. When a man is born of God, has thus become a partaker of him, why may he not rise to any height of purity, strength and perfection of love and grace? Having Jesus, the anointed Savior, dwelling within him, why should he not "go on to perfection?" How can he do anything else than "expect to be made perfect in love in this life?" When God is love and lives in him, how can a consistent man count himself called to anything else than to holiness and all the fullness of that noble blessing?

These four points or doctrines of sin of regeneration of an atonement and of free grace or holiness, especially that of the new life, gave to our preachers a fresh positiveness, a new and sparkling interest, which actually astonished the people and attracted multitudes to hear a free gospel and listen to the audacious claims of men lately confessed to be sinners and now pretending to be perfect. It is simple enough to say that these early itinerants preached with power. They believed and therefore they spoke: when other men and preachers whispered in doubt, in fear and despair even,

"How can a sinner know
His sins on earth forgiven?
How can a gracious Savior show
My name inscribed in heaven?"

these people—men, women, children—lifted each his voice like a trumpet, and all together sang as when the seven thunders uttered their voices:

"What we have felt and seen,
With confidence we tell:
And publish to the sons of men
The signs infallible.

His love supassing far
The love of all beneath,
We find within our hearts and dare,
The pointless darts of death.

Stronger than earth or hell,
The sacred power we prove;
And conquerors of the world, we dwell
In heaven, who dwell in love."

This leads to the statement that the Methodist movement produced an outburst of religious song such as was never heard from the time "when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy," down to the days of our grand revival. Everybody sang, and sang hymns of which it seems to be no blasphemy nor even exaggeration, to say they are as truly inspired as is the xiii of Paul to the Corinthians. Our people sang them and read them and prayed in their words. They were for a long time our litany. The people had no scruple about the propriety of singing and no difficulty in measuring the tune or the time, though I have had modern choristers tell me the syllables do not accentuate well:

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,
And looks to that alone;
Laughs at impossibilities,
And cries it shall be done!"

It was their experience, and that old, old story was new to them, and true every morning and fresh every evening. This preaching, this singing, this experience-telling, led to a sociability which found expression in class-meetings and love feasts, and in a hospitality and religious visiting more valuable to the frontier than is often acknowledged. This promoted refinement and enlarged their ideas of the country and of the responsibility of citizens, and made them ready and able to be leaders. How many can remember the lordly hospitalities of the Methodists in St. Clair, Wabash, Lawrence, Madison and Crawford counties in this state? And the same were abundant in Indiana, Ohio and the East, and quite as princely were the welcomes and generous entertainments on the plantations of the South. This would remind us of Abraham, the friend of God, and his gentlemanly feast of the angels at Mamre; and it did a work for religion, for society, for the nation, which helped to make the East and the West one in spirit and in experience, and has been retained till the present day, as the sessions of our annual Conferences continually prove. The preachers of those days were commonly gentlemen born and bred, and they carried refinement, good manners, quick intelligence, neatness of personal habits and a noble manliness, to say nothing of the sweetness and light of piety, wherever they went. The backwoodsman and his family in their log cabin felt, when such men came among them, that they had a connection with the human race, the very noblest of it, and with the Lord of life and wisdom, with a whole Savior still alive too, and they struggled in poverty and loneliness to make themselves worthy of their high calling. To what prayer meetings did this lead, how did they make the Methodists of a region, for fifty miles around, one in

soul, in purpose, in doctrine, in faith, in zeal, in love and in power! They were a live people and they loved one another. Religion was a real life in them, as certainly known to every one of them as is the throb of the pulse at the wrist. It was a strange warmth about the heart, as Wesley himself said. They scorned the word "hope," then so common among christians of other churches, whose cant about "a hope indulged" was made the occasion of much boisterous, and sometimes improper ridicule. They did however speak often and exultingly of "hope." But it was not a hope of conversion nor of acceptance with God. That they *knew*. They had experienced the sweetness of that. They felt and knew the power of it. To "hope" for it was to them an absurdity. But the hope of a hereafter, the hope of seeing the Savior, of meeting the saints of all ages, and more particularly the hope of perfect love and the continuous joys of such an exalted state—such a hope they had, and it filled their songs with their highest raptures. How the woods echoed with the power of Christ while they sang:

"O glorious hope of perfect love!
It lifts me up to things above,
It bears on eagles' wings;
It gives my ravished soul a taste,
And makes me for some moments feast
With prophets, priests and kings."

Or that other of Charles Wesley's inspired hymns:

"O love divine, how sweet thou art!
When shall I find my willing heart
All taken up by thee?
I thirst, I faint, I die, to prove
The greatness of redeeming love,
The love of Christ to me.

"God only knows the love of God;
O that it now were shed abroad
In this poor, stony heart!
For love I sigh, for love I pine,
This only portion, Lord, be mine,
Be mine the better part."

Thus they mingled prayer and praise, preaching, exhortation, doctrine and experience in those songs which they sang till their flesh and bones, their lips and tongues, and teeth too, knew them and could sing them without note or book. And they did sing them and shout them, and pray them at home and abroad, on Sabbath and work-day, in the house and in the field, till the very wilderness and solitary place were glad for them; till the eagles of the air knew them and the wolves of the forests fled scared by their power. This "hope of perfect love!" It filled them and entranced the world. May it never die in our hearts! And when they held up the other "hope" which has inspired the saints and martyrs of all ages—how

they sang of it, in the grandest of strains, which must have delighted the angels themselves, as they leaned over the jasper walls and listened to,

"Come on my partners in distress,
My comrades through the wilderness;
Who still your bodies feel;
Awhile forget your griefs and fears,
And look beyond this vale of tears,
To that celestial hill.

That great mysterious Deity
We soon with open face shall see;
The beatific sight
Shall fill the heavenly courts with praise,
And wide diffuse the golden blaze
Of everlasting light."

All this light and power, this confidence, assurance, exultation and song, how it filled the land with religious activity and helped most marvelously to carry our land through two of its great perils. The church was first organized in December, 1784, at the time when French infidelity was having its greatest popularity in this country, and the work done to counteract its poison was immense. Then unbelief was speculative, philosophical, negative, critical, sarcastic, sneering, doubting. It had affected almost all of the foremost men of our revolutionary times, excepting the Adamses, the Jays and the Livingstons. It emptied the churches of men and filled the taverns and spread a pall of darkness over the land from the battle of Saratoga down to the time of the beginning of our great American revival in 1816. There had been revivals under Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards and the Tenants before the declaration of Independence, but their fires paled during the fierce ordeals of the war. During these years the little sparks of Wesleyan life were starting flames which after about 1819 set the continent in a blaze. Infidelity diffused death, but Methodism propagated spiritual life and did much to save virtue and truth. It took the ground that no mere morality could be sound or profitable unless based on religious life; and while it first proclaimed life, it then insisted on virtue. From the time of Wesley's first class-meeting rules it had borne a testimony against slavery, dram-drinking and tobacco-using in all their forms. It was truly the pioneer of the grand reformation of temperance, and on that question and the tobacco nuisance it is still far in the van of the whole reformatory forces of the age.

Another line in which Methodism has been mighty was to follow the trail of the pioneer and the emigrant and preserve him and his family from barbarism and heathenism. This topic would be a grand one for the application of a sermon like this. Methodism has

carried the life of Christ to that mighty tide of population which has overflowed this continent. These early itinerants of ours, these gentlemen saints, went with one work in their hearts and only one on their hands; but they were statesmen as well, and teachers, too, and builders of intelligence and character. So they took religious books and sold them everywhere, and there has grown from their desire and determination to circulate books filled with God's truth and descriptive of the Christian life, the largest book-making establishment on the globe—an establishment which makes the whole Methodist church the grandest agency for circulating a pure literature and for counteracting the pernicious influence of bad books the imagination of man can conceive. Those old men, far-seeing—nay, I recall the word, and yet only to affirm it in a nobler sense—those men! a little blind to the difficulties in their way, but inspired by God to see beyond the mountain tops, built a publishing house that scatters knowledge almost as widely as the sun scatters his rays; and to it every preacher and Sunday-school superintendent is a bountiful hand to carry the sweetest, purest, noblest literature to the world. It is one of our marvels. No human mind can tell how much we have done for the world in this line.

In every movement to reform the morals, or to improve the manners, or promote the intelligence or power of men, our church has been the boldest aggressor on sin, and its members are everywhere among the forlorn hope of every benevolence, or advance campaign toward the upbuilding of right on earth. One thing which has contributed materially to this end has undoubtedly been our doctrine or belief concerning a call to the ministry. According to this, God calls and commissions men to-day as truly as the Master called and endowed the fishermen and carpenters of Galilee, to preach his gospel and to organize his church. Our early preachers believed that they were thrust out to proclaim truth and convert sinners; and they did cry aloud and spare not. They went asking no salary and making no complaint if they received not a penny. They shared the frugal fare of the pioneer, and, if for any cause, there was not enough of cash collected to enable them to live decently without incurring debt, they located at once, esteeming the lack of support an effectual shutting of the door against them. But while God gave them the hearts of the people and kept them in the field, they feared no man, and called everyone, everywhere to repentance and life. The doctrine of a divine call to the ministry is one we need to revive and emphasize. On it God's church is founded. A man's church may be founded on a self-called, or a church-called ministry. Men can attract to men, they can organize themselves. But all such com-

binations, or organizations, or corporations, with whatever sanction of nature, or law, or convenience they may have, are, after all, human institutions and can have no more than a human authority. But a man or woman created anew in Christ Jesus and made to be a living soul, and then called of God and commissioned by Him and directed by his spirit, is not a human attraction and wields not a human power. He does not form human institutions: He builds the kingdom of God and Christ, the kingdom of heaven, obedience, love, joy and peace in the earth. He brings a divine, a supernatural agency into the affairs of a sinful world and thereby introduces order and every good thing.

No man can enter our pulpits for gain without incurring the guilt of Simon Magus, nor can he innocently accept its duties with even a conscientious desire to do good and a reverent calculation that his talents are adapted to its work. No mere philanthropic ardor must move him to it. He must inwardly hear the divine voice calling him; he must see around him the imperious providences of God, commanding him to that labor; he must find the seal of the Highest on his work, approving and attesting his own desire. There must be a woe behind him, like the smoke of Sodom, a yearning within him, a signal above him like the cross in the sky, a promise before him like the mountain of Zoar, all urging him to preach the gospel of everlasting life if he would save his soul hereafter or have the peace of God in this life. This is our theory and it has been our practice from our beginning. God be praised! And if ever a man has entered our ministry without this high call he has been sadly mistaken, or has committed perjury. And the same must be said of the authorities of the church; if they admit him they have erred or sinned most grievously.

While we hold the call to the ministry high enough, it is not certain but that our practice falls below the standard of the fathers. Do not many of our preachers starve in the ministry and starve their families because they are not men of authority and power? Do they feel that God himself has sent them to find the lost sheep? They feed the sheep and the lambs, too, if they come to the fold of their own accord; but do they go into the wilderness and find those who go astray? They are capital servants at the Lord's marriage feast to wait on those who have heard and obeyed the first invitation. But how energetic are they to go out into the highways and hedges, in the thunder and the hail, and compel them to come in? The divine commission, the woe is me, ought to push us out as it did the fathers, to go after men, so that every man on the circuit, member of our church, or another, or of no church, should in some way and at

some time hear the divine call and feel the touch of the divine fire, not with the purpose altogether to make him a Methodist, but to make him live, to convert him to life, the life of love in God. The man thus called gathers Christ's sheep into Christ's fold, and not Methodist, nor Presbyterian, nor Baptist sheep into a sectarian pen. He works in the Lord's vineyard, and the clusters he finally gathers are for the wine to be drunk new with the Master in his own kingdom. Such a man, called by such a high calling, has authority, not to lord it over God's heritage, but to be a servant of the Most High and a worker together with him in building the temple in which all men are to worship. He labors not for a reward, but because he loves his Savior and his brethren.

Some of our usages have been peculiar, and have, as has been said, grown out of our doctrines. Perhaps the strangest of all has been our itinerant ministry. It cannot be eulogized or defended here. But that a class of men should surrender the idea of a permanent home and devote themselves to the wandering life, almost of a gypsy, and give up to another man the right to choose for them the annual place for their labor, and also should surrender to others the right to fix for them their compensation for that work and to exact services in unlimited measure, is a wonder. This has been going on for a hundred years and has been endured, even welcomed; and more than five hundred men every year enter our conferences on probation and joyfully accept it as a duty. Women, as wives, accompany them, share the sufferings and contribute in a large degree to the success of the work. Each year now sees an army—counting in, as we rightly do, the followers, ministers and families—of more than thirty thousand souls liable to break up all the sacred associations of home and friendship, of kindred and memory, and go among strangers simply to preach Jesus and to exemplify the power of a living Savior. Talk of the cessation of miracles. Here is one before you! And it has been one arm of our power. Do not weaken it; strengthen it if possible; but cut it off and half our power goes too. The Methodist church, by its ministry, has made great sacrifices and performed heroic labors. How often have the pioneers treaded the wilderness, following the trail of the explorer by the blazed trees!. They have encountered dangers of floods and wild beasts. Frosts and heats beat upon them; fevers and malarias lay in wait for them. The sun by day and the stars by night saw them shelterless and lonesome, hungry and destitute of all but Christ and their own indomitable courage. For years they wandered seeking the souls of men, to preach a gospel of free salvation, of mighty faith, and of the glorious redemption by Jesus. What are the results? A nation saved

from infidelity, a church of power organized and half a heaven almost filled with saints. But there is more than this, great as it is. It is a marvel; but there is more by far.

Our nation, at the public expense and with the plaudits of the world, has lately brought home the frostbitten remnants of the two hundredth expedition which has been sent in search of the north pole, or of a northeast passage to Asia. Nearly three hundred years have been spent in a vain attempt to penetrate the icy barriers of the north. Wonders of endurance and skill and foresight and energy have been displayed, and the end has baffled them all. They have come back mutilated, defeated, sickening, dying, apparently empty-handed, and we ask, what good has been gained? Science steps forward, and boldly balancing life against intelligence, affirms that every ship which rides the ocean is safer for the knowledge of the magnetic pole and the aerial currents and the glacial drifts which these men have learned and brought back with them. Every life which enters a vessel on the water is more secure for their toils and dangers. So when you ask what these men—these itinerant preachers—who have braved the perils of the forest and the mountain, of the torrent and the desert, who have suffered the privations of the homeless itinerancy, what they have done, what is the profit of their toil? religion, balancing spiritual life against formality, Christ's peace against death, answers: every child that is born has a more comfortable place in which to grow up and a more virtuous society in which to be nurtured; every man has a higher motive to be honest, and every woman a better security for character; every hamlet has a better opportunity to seek peace and to acquire learning; every village and city has a better law and a higher sentiment of right and duty; every sinner has a better chance to repent, and every Christian a better knowledge of salvation and a clearer call to a life of joy and peace, of sanctification and honor, than would have been possible without these itinerants, their labors and their sacrifices. Every church in the land is better to-day than it could have been if the Methodist Church had not been organized a hundred years ago. The world properly knows the perils encountered by the Arctic explorers, but how small were their real dangers is seen by the fact that less than two per cent. of them all perished in their voyages, and this includes Sir John Franklin and all his comrades. The real loss of life to men, women and children by the toils and hardships consequent on the annual removals of the Methodist ministers and their families, is annually almost as great as all the losses of all the Arctic expeditions put together; and the world, the church, religion herself, each affirms that it pays. Every other child of man

finds a better world, in which helplessness and innocence can thrive; and peace and joy, and truth and right are all brought nearer to their final triumph.

But this strain has probably already been pressed till the hearers are weary. There stands the church of our choice, chosen from among all others, because first of its glorious doctrines of life and perfection, of divine authority and power; and second, because of its marvelous history and influence. We can point to it as we do to the dome of the sky, and say God made it, and he has adorned it with the lives of the saints, with orators of almost angelic power, with deeds of heroism equal to the martyr age of the church. It is, as God has builded it, on the sure foundation. It is the mountain of the Lord's house, filled with all glory, and we look at it, and at its doctrines and its members, as we enumerate them all, and walk about them, simply to find occasion to stimulate our desire, to offer praise and adoration to God, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, as we exclaim "What hath God wrought!" "Marvelous are his works; in wisdom hath he made them all!" "He hath given us a goodly heritage." Let us be glad and praise only him!

We may not be allowed to close even a sermon of boasting and adulation—though this is not such—without, in old Methodist fashion, appending an exhortation to duty. Such an ending in such a presence would be as unorthodox and as untimely as for the Bishop to omit to ask the candidates for admission into conference, those two strange questions, as others deem them: "Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?" "Are you groaning after it?" which last question some squeamish body has, I believe, persuaded our General Conference to smooth for the tongue of our Bishops into rhetorical jelly thus: "Are you striving earnestly after it?" Do not let us be afraid of the old form of question so long as we read that the spirit helpeth our infirmities with "groanings that cannot be uttered." And so, my brethren, I beseech you, "suffer a word of exhortation," according to apostolic usage.

1. Never leave a member or a probationer till he *knows* that he is converted, till, according to all our history, traditions and beliefs, he knows that he is filled with the life of Christ, till he burns with inextinguishable blaze. It is an immense danger that we incur when we take a seeker, having only a desire to flee from the wrath to come, into our church as a probationer. In such a case we take one who is not alive at all, and join him to a living body. We need caution, or we may repeat the experience of the unconverted Paul, and find ourselves joined to a body of death. A fire is just as completely extinguished by an abundance of fuel heaped upon it in dis-

order, as by water. But let the brands you bring to it be all ablaze, and no matter what be the amount or order, they then add fire to fire. The only way to avoid this danger is to make the church a place to convert men, as well as a place to enjoy and get dignity. And it will do us good to remember that the church can exert her full force far better within her pale than out of it. But she must never let a soul rest till fully converted. It is only a little thing to get a probationer to join a vigorous, active, sympathizing, helpful church. That is only a short step, and it may be only toward formalism. When it has been taken, then our great work begins. Let never one probationer be left till he is converted and knows it. He is near the minister, near the church, near to Christ. Get him converted with power, let him be born again, and then let the critics and the cynics and the doubters, and the lovers of the Lord Jesus, ask, if they will, "What becomes of the probationers?" When they are converted your answer will be, as you read over your list written up, "This man and that man was born there." The conversion of every seeker will be the antidote for a superficial revival. It will stop all cavil, and will build the kingdom of Christ in truth.

2. And when men and women are converted, stick to them and build them up in the faith and the practice of all duty. For often we treat our converts as though we were ashamed of them, and so we leave them to be foundlings at the doors of the neighboring churches, or we act toward them as the amphibians to their young, never feed or brood them. Every convert needs a Christian nurture, and we should give this to every one born at our altars by our labors. We ought to bind them to us with hooks of steel, with kind brotherly love, with a mother's tenderness and a father's gentle authority, so that escape is impossible. If the Methodist Church had held its converts as well even as other churches do, she would probably have at least three times as many members as now, and the very effort to hold them, as I have indicated, by getting them thoroughly converted and indoctrinated, would have given us a far stronger piety than we now have. We sometimes repel by our pride of numbers and by our pride in our usages, and many a time by the ignorance of our unformed, illiterate, ill-mannered preaching. Now and then I have seen a man who thought himself called of God to preach, whose chief evidence of such a call seemed to the world to be a total misconception of his office, and who seemed to think the power to abandon modesty was a sign of grace and wisdom, and the only way to show his authority was to fall to beating the man servants and the maid servants. Indeed, I believe this latter plan is one of the specifics for getting up a revival of some

evangelistic tramps who aspire to conduct, as they say, revivals, who travel and "get up" "protracted efforts" at fifty dollars a week. And these revivals "got up" in this way, get down quicker than boys' kites when the strings break. Let our ministers do the thorough work of converting with the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove, with the patience of love itself, and with the untiring energy of him who neither slumbers nor sleeps, and our converts will not only abide in the church which gave them birth, but they will make her "as a city without walls, for the multitude of men and cattle therein." Her sons and daughters shall fill the valleys and overspread the plains and cover the hills like the heavenly hosts themselves, an innumerable company which no man can number.

3. Again, let us not forget that conversion, regeneration, the new creature, is but a beginning of life, and that our instantaneously attained perfection is only another name for a very small blessing, compared with the maturity of grace to which daily communion with God can attain. "To be a Methodist in early times," says Dorothy Fairfax, "was to be rapt in devotion and rich in experience." It was to talk with God, to walk with him, to dwell with him, to grow in him as a grafted shoot grows into a tree. We are in danger here again, I fear. We must distinguish sharply between birth into the kingdom and growth in that kingdom, between the fullness of love as a state attained by faith and the character strengthened, established by abiding in God. For admission to the state of peace, joy and righteousness only faith is required; but to build the habit and character of righteousness, time is an element. Birth is instantaneous; character comes only after struggle and conflict. Life is from life, and its element or germ must begin suddenly, when it touches what is to be made a new life. Then comes a period of growth, longer or shorter, according to the dignity of its position in the scale of being. And finally, the life, whatever it is, assumes an independence for itself, and acts its part in the grand economy of nature or the universe. For growth, for character, for wisdom, for spiritual development, time is an essential element, and we shall hurt ourselves as a church if we ignore it, in our eagerness to emphasize the mighty power of God shown, as we insist, in instantaneous or sudden conversion and in immediate sanctification. A child grows, a scholar grows, a saint grows, a preacher grows, and we must not forget that growth of religious character can only be in time. Life begins in a germ and requires time to develop its power and attain its results.

Sometimes even the dead matter with which we are to build requires time also to get itself perfected or fully made, as in case of the cement which holds our bricks and stones together. It needs to dissolve and then harden. Builders have for ages wondered at the enduring nature of the Roman cement which is now found in houses at Rome, built in the time of Augustus. That cement is so much better than any thing modern art knows, that a reward of thousands of dollars was offered for a knowledge how to make it. But the other day in digging at Herculaneum the workmen found the recipe for it written on the face of a wall. And all the secret of it is, "let the lime and sand be mixed and remain three years before using." The lime is thus dissolved, and the whole becomes perfectly hydrated, so that water, lime and sand are united into one substance. Age or time is the transforming force in this as in fruits and in characters also. So while we continue to demand sudden conversions and look for instantaneous sanctifications, let us also demand for our christians, and especially for our ministers, a maturity of character, such as shall make them men in Christ, and not babes. You can make a convert, a neophyte, a prosolyte in an hour or less, but for the real saint to be made and to grow, it will probably need forty years. But when the saint is made you have the noblest work of God. And when a church is full of saints, it is worth the while of the world to note the fact and honor the work. It is not quite certain but we have neglected this important element of Christian growth or nurture, and have seemed to act as though the mere regeneration and sanctification of the soul were enough, or more properly, to state it in other words, our usage seems to imply that a soul having once tasted the heavenly gift and been made a partaker of the Holy Ghost could never fall away; the blessedness of life is so sweet, the power of the world to come is so mighty, that whoever feels the thrill of life divine will never give it up, but with his bodily life. And so we leave the work of building the soul or character to accident. We forget that one real example of virtuous living is worth more than a dozen prosolytes. Our organization on the plan of an itinerant ministry, our habit of preaching, our doctrine of conversion, all fit us specially for revival work, and there has always been danger that we should press forward in this line, neglecting the other one of character-building. We have done well to remember for ourselves and to remind the world that nothing can take the place of this life of God in the human soul. The one primal, indispensible condition of salvation and of growth in virtue and godliness is the new creature. Without this the man is dead—a lump of clay. When this life enters the nature, then a

christian can be nurtured, a state of righteousness can be maintained. And it is proper to say here that our system of class meetings, our love-feasts, our quarterly meetings, our prayer meetings, with their songs and testimonies, with their experiences told and believed, with altar work and individual exhortations and persuasions, are all adapted to building character; and whenever we have neglected this we have failed in our most available line.

4. There is one other sign of the times we shall do well to heed. A question or two will hint it. Are our people in love with class meetings and social prayer as formerly? Have we not rather put these on the defensive? When an institution thus stands to repel attacks it is losing its hold in some way. When slavery began to defend itself, it was doomed beyond redemption. Dram-drinking is now in the same position. Our methods must not stop to parley or defend. They must go forward and deliver blows. Every agency we have ever used is as available to-day as in the good old times of the fathers. And our wisdom is to show the value and power of each by using it with a new vigor. The warrior who stops to argue the temper or beauty or the utility of his sword will assuredly lose his battle. But when he smites his enemies to the death, then he shows the value of his weapons and his own prowess at the same time.

There is a sort of doubt whispered vaguely in the air, and heard as sometimes a coming storm is heard, more by an ominous stillness than by sound, whether our church has not lost in some way, at least a part of its power. The question implies danger, and the method to avoid such a danger is to push into the thickest of combat, to be as aggressive as ever, and to take hold of every one of our well tried agencies and use them to their utmost. Do not let the power of our preaching fail, nor its personal point be blunted for any rhetorical glitter, or logical exactness, or literary polish of the sermon, written in the leisure of the study and read in the pulpit, with all the oratorical graces acquired before the mirror, or under the drill of the elocutionist. Do not let the social, pastoral, godly intercourse between preacher and people become disused, and remain a memory and a myth, for any desire of reading, or learning, science, or lecturing, or writing. Do not omit the work of the ministry for any secular employment whatever. If you are compelled to secular work, let another take your office. Preach the word as all your work; preach publicly and privately; preach with your whole soul, and energy and time, or quit, and let the Master call another. Never fear but he will take care of you if you act with common prudence, so long as he wants you in the ministry. Never you fear about one

of our usages, or institutions, or methods, so long as you apply it with vigor and prayer. Some people fear that Methodism is losing its power. Some of its members, some of its preachers are losing power. There is no doubt about that. So it has always been; men lose power and even die. But Methodism is a force in the world greater than ever, and it is destined to grow, no imagination can tell how mightily. Tennyson sang for the brook:

> "Men may come and men may go,
> But I go on forever."

Weak minds fear for the church. It is losing its prominence, but not its power. Formerly it was the one institution of the world, greater than the nation or than kingdoms and empires. Now the school and the market, the corporation, the society, the convention and the congress have risen into prominence and even threaten to overshadow it. Nay, it is greater than ever. Its visible magnificence has in a large measure vanished, its ability to strike the senses is less, its pomp and pageantry are indeed diminished. But there has always been danger that these would be mistaken for its living power, and that men's minds, and hearts too, would rest in them and not apprehend the essence underlying them. Even the Bible—so boldly is it criticised—is a subject of fear, lest it should be forgotten, or grow to be an unfashionable book of myths and obsolete histories and songs. It is too true to human nature to be outgrown or forgotten. There is danger that men may under estimate it, to be sure. But we must remember that religion lived and grew before there was any Bible; and some of the most interesting and pious of the saints, as Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, proved themselves worthy of everlasting honor without it. Even Moses lived eighty years without it, till Jehovah gave him authority to begin it. We hold that it is to abide and be the delight of ages to come as of ages past, to be the instructor of the children as it has been of the fathers. But is there not more danger of making it an idol than of losing it? Religion is greater than its book, for it was before it, and religion made it. Christ is greater than the little imperfect—so St. John intimates—history written in scraps by the four evangelists. Great as the Bible is, Jesus is infinitely greater, and religion rests on him as its corner stone. And even he found it expedient to go away, lest men should make him a king, that is, an idol, to be worshipped before God. The Roman Church to-day worships his cross, his human mother, the sacrament of his supper, and if the body of Moses or of Jesus had not been hidden, we might to-day have been bowing down to them as objects of worship. This English Bible of ours is the

noblest book of the ages and of the universe. But Christ, and not it, is the bread of life. And Christ, as we shall do well to remember, has promised to come and teach us. Let us take him as the bread of life and feed the people with him, with his words, the few of them which the Bible has preserved; with his life as his acts and sacrifices have revealed it; with his spirit as he gives it to us; especially with his love as he fills us with it; with his life as he joins us to him and sends it through our souls. Do not let us worship anything but God and his Son, our Savior. Honor the Bible, revere Christianity, glorify religion by a godly life, and die for all these and for religion if need be, but worship only God. All along the battle line, where we are fighting for the church, for the Bible, for Methodism, for religion herself, there is a trembling of fear lest infidelity or atheism should triumph, lest somehow all our hopes should perish, or the church, or the Bible, or religion should get injured in the fight. Never, in the least, fear for these. Men may be wounded, killed even, but religion never. All that is human in the Bible may perish in the fierce heat of the controversy, and if there is a human element, not joined indissolubly to the divine, be sure that it will be burned out. All of man's work about the church may be destroyed, indeed must be; creeds may be disallowed and dogmas may be discarded, but not a jot or a tittle of God's truth and law will be removed. Infidelity, atheism, materialism, pantheism, science, evolution, each and all may mislead men and delude them to death, but religion they cannot touch. She is spiritual and incorporeal, and not one of their weapons can reach her. She is Truth—the Truth—and nothing can hurt her. Our Christian ministers often allow themselves to forget this vital distinction between religion and its formulated creeds, between its essentials and its accidents. It is love and life, the love of God and man, God's life in the soul; and a creed has no more to do with it than the voice of a man has to do with his life. Do you not know you may cut off arms, eyes, ears, teeth, tongue and flesh, surgeons cannot tell yet how much, and leave the man alive? So we may cut off creeds, dogmas, usages, ordinances, institutions, biblical texts even, we know not how much or how many, and leave religion alive. It may be duty to fight for every one of these as a man would for his eyes, but if they get to be idols, as is possible, we must cut them off and cast them from us. "It is better that one of the members should perish than that the whole body should be cast into hell." Let a creed go, let an institution go, let an interpretation go, but never let the life of God in the soul go; never let Jesus, the indwelling Savior, go. One of our Bishops has recently said: "The grip of

religion has been loosened."* With all deference I must protest that he has used a wrong word altogether. Not religion, but men's notions of it; not religion, but the creed which men have framed to express their little ideas of it; not religion, but the form in which men have tried to embody it. I am aware that these notions, these ideas, these creeds, these forms, are all that some men have of religion, and when anybody carries them off, they cry in bitterness, with the selfish Laban, "Ye have stolen my gods;" and they leave flocks and home and pursue the maranders, not thinking that an idol, or a visible image, or a form of words, may come between God and the soul and be death, and that therefore they should be thankful to any one who will seize them and cast them to the moles and bats. Religion lost its grip on this world! Never, while God is King and Christ is the Savior of men, the One mighty to save! When religion, which is life, as I have to-day insisted, and as the grand discourse from which I quote the sentence argues, with far greater force than any of my words can have, when religion loses its grip on this world the planet will be a wreck and will float in space as insignificant and as aimless as the dust, which scientists say Krakatoa sent from its crater a year ago to cumber the upper air of this earth; useless only as it causes the eastern and western skies to burn with purple beauty when the sun approaches them. Let religion lose its grip and it will be worse for man than if the fires of the sun were put out. It has not lost its grip, I protest before all creation. "There is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel."

My Brothers, it is our duty to hold this religious life up before the world as its only hope. First, to make our own souls, by God's free grace, the temples of the living God—living temples—examples of Christ's life, radiant with love, strong in consecrated faith, and glorious in purified character. Then are we fit to be servants and to be honored with the Master's commission. We must labor to make every member of the church such as this, to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. After this we may glory in Methodism. We do boast of it. We need not. All we need do is to point to it. There it stands. In presence of Niagara or Mount Shasta you need no guide-book description; each speaks its own eulogy. You need

*Centennary Thoughts, page 85. I know the tone of the book is very inconsistent with the sentence quoted, and I only regret the expression because I would not have so beautiful a work of art marred by a single blemish: so powerful an argument weakened by a single unfortunate admission; so grateful a vase of ointment affected with even the trace of a single fly.

not praise the sun on the meridian. So our church wants no commendation. She came into existence just before Watt gave the steam engine its power, and has been a moral and religious force, keeping pace with all the wonderfully mighty civilizing forces and agencies of the English-speaking race. Along with the growth of her spiritual power, which has revolutionized all religious thought and activity, physical forces have been revolutionizing every form of industry. About the time of her importation to America, science began, with Priestly, to analyze and experiment and rearrange knowledge, till scarcely a dogma of the scientific creeds is now held as then. But amid all changes of physical machinery and scientific theory our church has held to the one doctrine and the one practice, the necessity of the new birth and the blessedness of perfect trust and entire consecration to God. Millions have been her converts. Millions on earth lift up their hands and praise her, and millions more in heaven glory in her power. She has grown in the midst of the battles of the giants—science and education,—materialism and and philosophy, doubt and denial, criticism and agnosticism, spiritualism and diabolism, too. To-day her bark rides the ocean as proudly and as safely as the ship on Galilee in which the Master himself was sleeping. We need have no fear for her. She is a part of the great religion of God and humanity. She will live; her millions will multiply. God is in the midst of her and he will help her. But how about ourselves, brothers? Do we live? Is Christ Jesus in us, the life and the truth? Skepticism and criticism may shake our foundations of creed and of character; and if we are not full of faith we may perish by it, but the church and her Lord they will never touch. Let us be sure the church is in us—not simply we in the church—that Christ himself—not simply a belief concerning him—is in us, and then may we sing:

> "Who in the Lord confide
> And feel his sprinkled blood,
> In storms and hurricanes abide,
> Firm as the mount of God."

As we ask: "What hath God wrought?" and answer by pointing to the stars and say, like these in number and in glory to shine forever, have been our converts, our deeds and our triumphs, we may lift our hearts and pray, trusting Christ, that all we have done may be but a single ray of light in the dawning compared to the full-orbed glory of the sun which tips the mountains with the coming flood of day!

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The 26th day of November Asbury observed "As a day of fasting and prayer, that I might," he says, "know the will of God in the matter that is shortly to come before the Conference. The preachers and people seemed to be much pleased with the projected plan. I myself am led to think it is of the Lord. I am not tickled with the honor to be gained; I see danger in the way. My soul waits upon God. O, that he may lead us in the way we should go."

On the 17th of December, Asbury, Coke, Wm. Black, of Nova Scotia, and Vasey, arrived at Perry Hall, "the most elegant house" in the State of Maryland, the country home of a Mr. Gough, one of the early Methodists. Whatcoat arrived on the 19th. Here they matured everything for the approaching Conference.

On Friday, the 24th of December, 1784, the apostolic little company rode from Perry Hall to Baltimore, and at ten o'clock began the first "General Conference," in the Lovely Lane Chapel. Sixty preachers were present. Coke, on taking the chair, presented a letter from Wesley, which said, that "by a very uncommon train of providences, many of the provinces of North America are totally disjoined from the British Empire and erected into independent States. The English government has no authority over them, civil or ecclesiastical. As our American brethren are now totally disentangled, both from the State and from the English heirarchy, we dare not entangle them again, either with the one or the other. They are now at full liberty simply to follow the Scriptures and the primitive church. And we judge it is best that they should stand fast in the liberty wherewith God has so strangely made them free."

In accordance with this document it was agreed to form themselves into an Episcopal Church, and to have superintendents, elders and deacons. Coke and Asbury were unanimously elected superintendents. The "Christmas week" was spent in enacting rules of discipline, the election of preachers to orders and the ordination on Friday of several deacons, and on Sunday, January 1st, 1785, of twelve elders and one deacon. The session was a jubilee to the Methodists of Baltimore and its vicinity. Coke preached every day at noon, with other members of the body every morning and evening. The articles of religion, abridged by Mr. Wesley from the Thirty-Nine Articles of the Church of England, were adopted by the conference, and the Liturgy presented by him was also adopted to be read in the church—nor has this organic provision ever been for-

mally repealed. Strict and comprehensive measures were adopted for the "extirpation" of slavery. The salary or allowance of preachers and their families was defined. It amounted to $64.00 to each preacher, the same to his wife, $16.00 to each child under the age of six years, about $22.00 to each over six and under eleven, while no provision was made for children above eleven years old. They did not allow themselves to take any fee or present for marriages, baptisms or funeral services. Their destitution had been, however, often so severe that they devised at this conference a plan of relief called the "Preacher's Fund." Out of this, provision was to be made, first, for the worn out preachers, and then for the widows and orphans. They recommended to communicants to receive the Lord's Supper kneeling, but were to be allowed to receive it standing. Such are the most important actions of the "Christmas Conference." "It ended," says Whatcoat, "in great peace and unanimity."

Centennial Celebration.

We extract the following from the report of the committee appointed by the late General Conference to consider the subject of a proper centennial celebration of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

1. In grateful acknowledgment of the good hand of God upon us during the first century of our history as a church, we hereby call upon our preachers and people throughout the world to hold in every charge, in connection with Christmas week the present year, especial religious services commemorative of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and we recommend that this be done in the spirit of the declaration of our Bishops, that these "religious services ought to be the chief feature of the celebration.

2. The centennial thank-offering proposed by the centennial committee of the last General Conference is an eminently appropriate and useful mode of expressing our gratitude to Almighty God for the signal blessings with which he has crowned the closing century.

3. We are in full accord with our chief pastors where in their recently published general directions they affirm that "*the chief object of this connectional offering should be the cause of education.*" Accordingly, in conformity with their suggestion, we recommend that in every locality, in connection with the centennial services, the needs and claims of the local educational institutions under the patronage of our several Annual Conferences be particularly recommended to the liberality of the people. We also recommend that the meetings for the presentation of these educational interests be held earlier than next Christmas wherever it is deemed expedient.

4. With our Bishops, we recommend to the church, in addition to our educational institutions, the chartered fund, and the societies which care for the superannuated preachers and their families; also the permanent funds of the various Church Boards, such as the Board of Education, the Freedmen's Aid Society, the Missionary Societies, the Board of Church Extension, the Sunday School Union and the Tract Society.

5. In order to promote uniformity, to prevent misunderstandings and to secure to all interests a just representation, it is highly desirable that in each annual Conference or mission, one and the same authorized and printed form of subscription be placed in the hands of the people at the times when the centennial thank-offering shall be asked; such a form can be readily furnished by the Centennial Committee of each Conference or Mission, where such have been or may be appointed. The following would well answer the purpose:

1784–1884.

Centennial Thank-Offering of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

I, the undersigned, hereby record my gratitude to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which have come to me and mine through the instrumentality of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and, as a partial expression of this gratitude I desire to unite with the members and friends of this Church throughout the world in the devout thank-offering which this year commemorates, the completion of the first century of its history. To this end I hereby promise to pay the sum below named for the benefit of the institutions or benevolent enterprises, opposite whose names they are respectively written.

[Then is to be inserted the names of the educational institutions, or other objects of benevolence, authorized and recommended by the Annual Conference, or any other suitable object to which the donor may wish to apply his gift.]

The General Conference provided that the full report of the committee be printed as a tract and be furnished to our preachers and people gratuitously.

Methodist Centennials.

Methodism is celebrating her third centennial: not her 300th anniversary, but the third great epoch in her early history.

The first was celebrated in 1839, the 100th anniversary of the organization of the "United Society" at the Old Foundry, London, and of the first "band" at Bristol, England. In the year 1739 the the general Methodistic movement began. Its centennary was observed with a spirit of remarkable liberality. English Methodism made a thank offering of over a million of dollars, and American Methodism contributed $600,000, which was divided between the superannuated fund and the missionary and educational interests of the Church.

The second was observed in 1866, in commemoration of the first Methodist service held in America (by Philip Embury in the City of New York in 1766), and the beginning of the movement in the New World. At this time the gifts of the Church amounted to more than $10,000,000, chiefly devoted to education.

The third we are now called upon to celebrate in honor of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Baltimore in 1784. Its eighty-four ministers at that time have now become an army of more than 12,600, and her 15,000 members have increased to over a million and three-quarters, while her property falls but little short of ninety millions of dollars. How ought our generosity to keep pace with this marvelous, God-given prosperity!

Programme of the Centennial Methodist Conference,

TO BE HELD IN BALTIMORE, MD., DECEMBER 9-17, 1884.

FIRST DAY.

1. Work of the Christmas Conference ..... 1 hour.
2. Personnel of the Christmas Conference ..... 1 hour.

SECOND DAY.

3. Superintendency of Asbury and what it did for Methodism ..... ¾ hour.
4. Relations of John Wesley to American Methodism ..... ¾ hour.
   General discussion ..... ½ hour.
5. Statistical Results—Membership, etc. ..... ½ hour.
6. Statistical Results—Educational and Financial ..... ½ hour.
   General Discussion ..... 1 hour.

THIRD DAY.

7. Methodism in 1784 and its Outlook ..... ¾ hour.
8. Methodism in 1884 and its Outlook ..... ¾ hour.
   General Discussion ..... ½ hour.
9. Causes of the Success of Methodism ..... ½ hour.
10. Possible Dangers to Future Methodism ..... ½ hour.
    General Discussion ..... 1 hour.

FOURTH DAY.

11. Rise and Progress of Methodism in Canada ..... ¾ hour.
12. Methodist Pioneers and their Work ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ½ hour.
13. Is Methodism Losing its Power over the Masses? ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... 1¼ hour.

FIFTH DAY.

14. Aim and Character of Methodist Preachers ..... ¾ hour.
15. Methodist Means of Grace ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ½ hour.
16. The Doctrinal Unity of Methodism ..... ½ hour.
17. Guards to the Purity of our Doctrinal Teaching ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ¾ hour.

SIXTH DAY.

18. The Four Points of Methodism—Heart Conversion, Assurance, Christian Experience and Sanctification ..... ¾ hour.
19. Influence of Methodism on other Denominations ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ½ hour.
20. Value of the Press to Methodism ..... ¾ hour.
21. Value of the Periodical Press to Methodism ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ½ hour.

SEVENTH DAY.

22. Place and Power of the Lay Element in Methodism ..... ¾ hour.
23. What Methodism Owes to Women ..... ¾ hour.
    General Discussion ..... ½ hour.

The following topics will be discussed in the evenings: Missions, Educational Work and Spirit of Methodism, The Sunday School, the Mission of Methodism to the Extremes of Society.

Centenaria.

Whatcoat and Vasey ordained deacons, September 1, 1784.
Whatcoat and Vasey ordained elders, September 2, 1784.
Dr. Coke consecrated Bishop by J. Wesley, September 3, 1784.
Dr. Coke landed in New York, November 3, 1784.
First Conference of M. E. Church, Baltimore, December 24, 1784.
Francis Asbury ordained Deacon, December 26, 1784.
Francis Asbury ordained elder, December 27, 1784.

Numerical Exhibit of the M. E. Church, January 1, 1884.

Number of annual conferences	99
Number of mission districts	14
Number of bishops	10
Number of presiding elders	477
Itinerant preachers located during year	119
Itinerant preachers died during year	172
Itinerant preachers returned "withdrawn"	35
Itinerant preachers returned "expelled"	5
Present number of itinerant preachers	12,654
Present number of local preachers	12,337
Local preachers now employed as pastors	1,673
Total itinerant and local preachers	24,991
Members in full connection	1,631,131
Members on probation	168,462
Total membership (including ministers)	1,799,593
Number of deaths during the year	22,668
Number of children baptized during year	55,876
Number of adults baptized during year	61,862
Total baptisms during year	117,738
Number of church buildings	18,741
Number of parsonages	6,607
Value of churches	$69,422,276
Value of parsonages	$9,815,809
Total value of churches and parsonages	$79,238,085
Number of Sunday Schools	22,503
Number of officers and teachers	241,861
Number of Sunday School scholars	1,691,065
Total number of officers, teachers and scholars	1,932,926
Average attendance of teachers and scholars	1,057,554
Officers and teachers who are members or probationers	185,178
Scholars who are church members or probationers	319,656
Total expenses of Sunday Schools last year	$679,865
Number of Sunday School library books	1,948,992
Number of seminaries and female colleges	92
Number of colleges and universities	43
Number of theological schools	9
Whole number of educational institutions	144
Whole number of teachers	1,319
Whole number of students	26,483
Students from the beginning	407,781
Total estimate of property	$7,432,860
Net capital New York Book Concern	$1,202,593
Net capital Western Book Concern	$414,857
Total capital M. E. Book Concerns	$1,617,450
Increase in net capital last year	$122,947
Amount of sales during the last quadrennium	$6,455,488
Total value of churches, parsonages, schools & book concerns	$88,288,395
Paid on old debts on church property last year	$1,484,217
Paid for building and improving	$3,994,307
Total paid on church property last year	$5,478,524

Present indebtedness on church property	$5,669,892
Paid for ministerial support during the year	$8,238,302
Paid by churches and S. S. for incidental expenses	$2,028,195
Paid to General Missionary Society	$765,167
Paid to Woman's Missionary Societies	$150,000
Paid to Church Extension Society	$200,009
Paid to Tract Society	$16,080
Paid to Sunday School Union	$16,232
Paid to Freedmen's Aid Society	$118,154
Paid to Board of Education	$64,900
Paid to American Bible Society	$27,260
Total paid last year to all objects above given	$17,332,678
Average per member and probationer	$9.70
Number of trustees of churches	115,360
Number of stewards of societies	99,416
Number of class leaders	87,401
Number of Sunday School superintendents	31,728

General Summary of Methodists.

I. Number of Methodists in United States:	
Methodist Episcopal Church	1,782.090
Methodist Episcopal Church South	887,213
African Methodist Episcopal Church	402,636
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	304,750
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	156,731
Evangelical Association	121,310
United Brethren	161,767
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	3,652
Total	3,820,149
II. Non-Episcopal Methodists in United States:	
Methodist Protestant Church	125,422
American Wesleyan Church	24,072
Free Methodist Church	13,308
Primitive Methodist Church	3,905
Independent Methodist Church	5,000
Congregational Methodists	20,090
Total	191,707
III. Methodists in Canada	175 570
IV. Methodists in Great Britain and Missions	901,018
V. Wesleyan Affiliating Conferences	132,035
Grand total	5,220,479
Total Methodists in United States	4,011,856
Methodist population in United States (estimated)	18,000,000
Methodist population in the world (estimated)	25,000,000

Summaries of Churches in the United States.

From the latest available Statistics.

DENOMINATIONS.	Churches.	Ministers.	Members.
Adventist	91	107	11,100
Second Adventist	583	501	63,500
Seventh-Day Adventist	608	138	14,733
American Communities	14	8	2,838
Baptist	24,794	15,401	2,133,044
Anti-Mission Baptist	1,090	888	40,000
Free-Will Baptist	1,485	1,286	76,706
Seventh-Day Baptist	87	103	8,606
Six-Principle Baptist	20	17	2,075
Christian (Campbellites)	4,681	3,658	567,448
Congregational	3,689	3,589	383,685
Dunkards (The Brethren)	710	1,665	90,000
Protestant Episcopal	3,049	3,496	342,590
Reformed Episcopal	55	68	10,459
Evangelical Association	1,332	1,340	99,607
Friends	621	876	67,643
Jews	269	202	13,683
Lutheran	5,556	3,102	684,570
New Mennonite	31	44	2,990
Methodist Episcopal	16,721	9,261	1,680,779
Methodist Episcopal (South)	———	3,593	828,013
Methodist Episcopal (Colored)	1,038	648	74,195
Free Methodist	287	601	12,120
Independent Methodist	13	14	2,100
Primitive Methodist	121	50	3,370
Protestant Methodist	1,501	2,120	118,170
Wesleyan Methodist	260	472	17,847
African Methodist Episcopal / African Methodist Episcopal Zion		3,832	691,044
Moravian	74	96	16,112
Mormon	654	3,906	110,377
New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian)	91	81	4,734
Presbyterian	5,338	4,920	573,377
Presbyterian (South)	1,928	1,031	119,970
Cumberland Presbyterian	2,474	1,386	111,855
Reformed Presbyterian	41	31	6,020
United Presbyterian	793	658	80,236
Reformed Church in America	489	519	78,917
Reformed Church in United States	1,384	752	154,742
Roman Catholic [for members read adherents]	5,975	6,366	6,370,858
Shaker	17	68	2,400
Unitarian Congregational	342	394	17,960
United Brethren in Christ	2,207	2,200	155,437
United Evangelical	366	363	144,000
Universalist	719	713	26,238
Winebrennarians (Church of God)	569	498	20,224
Baptist of all kinds	13,962	19,246	2,552,129
Congregationalists	2,715	3,723	387,619
Presbyterian, all kinds	7,071	8,898	1,002,944
Methodists, all kinds	22,915	*25 839	3,993,724
Protestant Episcopal	2,601	3,630	313,889
Catholics	3,806	6,366	[above]
All other Denominations	10,212	8,526	724,166
Grand Total	63,282	76,228	†8,974,471

* Exclusive of 34,714 local preachers.

† Exclusive of Catholics.

Book Concerns.

The following figures will give a partial view of the magnitude and importance of our publishing interests:

Number of volumes of books issued in 1883	732,398
Number of pages of books	230,172,396
Number of tracts issued in 1883	504,900
Number of pages of tracts	4,947,350
Total number of volumes of books and tracts	1,237,298
Total number of pages of books and tracts	235,119,746
Average number of books issued daily	2,378
Average number of tracts issued daily	1,640
Average number of books and tracts issued daily	4,018
Average number of pages of books issued daily	747,313
Average number of pages of tracts issued daily	16,063
Average number of pages of books and tracts issued daily	763,376

In addition to its book and tract publications, it has published three quarterlies and ten weekly papers, besides all its Sunday School literature.

	Circulation.	Total Copies in 1883.
The Christian Advocate, New York	55,600	2,891,000
The Quarterly Review, New York	5,260	21,040
Northern Christian Advocate, Syracuse, N. Y.	13,320	692,640
Southwestern Christian Advocate, New Orleans	3,400	176,800
Manual of M. E. Church (quarterly)	10,500	42,000
Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati	24,000	1,248,000
Christian Apologist (German)	17,044	886,288
Northwestern Christian Advocate, Chicago	18,642	969,384
Sandebudet (Swedish)	2,882	.....
Central Christian Advocate, St. Louis	17,200	894,000
Methodist Advocate, Atlanta	2,307	119,964
Hearth and Home (German)	7,133	85,596

Growth of M. E. Church, by Quarter Centuries.

1784	Itinerant Preachers	83	Lay Members		14,988
1809	" "	597	" "		163,038
1834	" "	2,265	" "		638,784
1859	" "	6,877	" "		974,345
1883	" "	12,628	" "		1,799,534

Support of the Bishops.

The official residence of the Bishops are fixed by the General Conference. Their salaries and traveling expenses are estimated by the Book Committee, and apportioned by them among the annual Conferences. The Presiding Elders distribute it to the several districts and charges, which should raise their amounts quarterly, if practicable, and send to Dr. S. Hunt, 805 Broadway, New York, or Dr. Wm. P. Stowe, Chicago, Ill.

Summaries of Foreign Missions, January, 1884.

Missionaries	128
Assistant missionaries	78
Other workers	1,189
Total laborers in foreign fields	1,395
Members in full connection	31,196
Members on probation	11,904
Total members and probationers	43,100
Average attendance on religious services	53,992
Adults baptized during year	1,108
Children baptized during year	1,798
Day schools	448
Day scholars	14,017
Sabbath schools	1,209
Sabbath scholars	59,995
Churches	315
Estimated value	$1,205,287
Halls and other places of worship	761
Parsonages	196
Estimated value	$ 300,328
Value of other property	246,114
Total value church property in foreign lands	1,751,739
Amount collected for Missionary Society last year	8,394
Collected for other benevolences	20,214
Collected for self support	182,078
Collected for church building	35,300
Total paid for all above purposes	245,986
Average per member and probationer	5.70

Organization of Departments.

1. Book Concern established, Philadelphia, 1789.
2. Chartered Fund instituted, Baltimore, 1795.
3. Tract Society organized, Philadelphia, 1803.
4. Missionary Society organized, New York, 1819.
5. Sunday School Union organized, New York, 1827.
6. Board of Church Extension organized, Philadelphia, 1865.
7. Freedmen's Aid Society organized, Cincinnati, 1866.
8. Board of Education organized, New York, 1868.
9. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society organized, Boston, 1869.
10. Woman's Home Missionary Society organized, Cincinnati, 1880.

Foreign Missionary Tours of the Bishops.

BISHOP.	DEPARTED.	COUNTRIES VISITED.	RETURNED.
Scott	Baltimore, November, 1852	Africa	March 17, 1853
Simpson	1857	France, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia, Bulgaria, Syria	" 6, 1859
Janes	New York, June 5, 1861	Germany, Norway, Denmark	August 21, 1861
Thomson	" " August 24, 1864	India, China, Bulgaria, Germany	May 16, 1865
Janes	" " April 26, 1865	Germany, Switzerland, France	August 17, 1865
Kingsley	San Francisco, September 8, 1869	Japan, China, India, Syria	Died, 1870
Simpson	1870	Bulgaria, Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia	1870
Harris	San Francisco, May 6, 1872	Japan, China, India, Italy, Turkey, Scandinavia, Germany	October 19, 1873
Foster	New York, May 24, 1873	Scandinavia, Germany, France, South America	November 27, 1873
Simpson	New Orleans, January 17, 1874	Mexico	March 28, 1874
Simpson	Philadelphia, June 10, 1875	Italy, Germany, Scandinavia	October 22, 1875
G. Haven	New York, November 1, 1876	Africa	May 24, 1877
Andrews	Philadelphia, June 20, 1876	Germany, Scandinavia, Bulgaria, India, Italy	August 15, 1877
Wiley	San Francisco, September 12, 1877	Japan, China	April 24, 1878
Merrill	New York, December 29 1877	Mexico	March 11, 1878
Bowman	Philadelphia, May 13, 1878	Germany, Scandinavia, Italy, India, France	May 8, 1879
Wiley	New York, June 10, 1879	Germany, Scandinavia	October 10, 1870
Harris	New Orleans, January 26, 1880	Mexico	March 21, 1880
Merrill	New York, July 5, 1880	Europe, India	April 16, 1881
Harris	" " November 10, 1881	South America, Italy, Scandinavia	August 21, 1882
Bowman	San Francisco, July 23, 1881	Japan, China	February 7, 1882
Andrews	New York, December 29, 1881	Mexico	March 5, 1882
Foster	" " August 26, 1882	Bulgaria, India, Italy, Germany, Scandinavia	September 1, 1883
Merrill	San Francisco, June, 1883	Japan, China	December 20, 1883
Hurst	New York, June, 1884	Europe, India	

Tract Society Notes.

The object of this society is "to distribute tracts in destitute portions of our country, in places that are sparsely settled, and in our cities among the poor and degraded; in hospitals and prisons; to sailors and soldiers; to emigrants of various nationalities; to the Freedmen of the South, and to our missions in foreign lands."

The total number of pages of tracts issued during the last quadrennium was 53,215,070, of which 6,500,000 were in the German language.

The receipts of the Society during the last quadrennium were $55,015.

"Since its organization in 1852 it has distributed more than 600,000,000 pages of religious literature, east and west, north and south, and in foreign mission fields in both hemispheres."

Freedmen's Aid Society Notes.

This society is designed for the relief and education of the freedmen, to operate in connection with the Missionary and Church Extension Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The General Conference of 1880 instructed the society to extend its work among the whites of the South.

The following is a partial exhibit of its educational work:

I. AMONG THE FREEDMEN.

Chartered institutions	7
Theological schools	4
Medical college	1
Institutions not chartered	14
Whole number of schools	26
Whole number of teachers	105
Biblical pupils	304
Medical pupils	51
Collegiate pupils	145
Academic pupils	410
Normal pupils	1,387
Intermediate	767
Primary	473
Whole number of pupils	3,537

II. AMONG THE WHITES

Chartered institutions	5
Institutions not chartered	15
Whole number of schools	20
Whole number of teachers	73
Whole number of pupils	2,097
Whole number of educational institutions under care society	46
Whole number of teachers employed by the society	178
Whole number of pupils enrolled in the schools	5,634
Amount invested in permanent school property	$450,000
Number of pupils taught from the beginning	80,000
Receipts of the society during 1883	$118.154
Number of pastoral charges taking no collection	2,466

Sunday School Union Notes.

The work of the Union is classified in three departments, instruction, publication and benevolence. The first aims to aid the scholars of our Sunday Schools in studying their lessons, and to aid the teachers in their work of preparation and of teaching. To accomplish this work, question books, lesson papers and explanatory notes are prepared for the scholars, and practical helps of various kinds are furnished for the teachers.

The department of benevolence received from churches during the last four years $67,484, and has aided by grants 3,500 Sunday Schools.

The following table speaks for the department of publication:

	Average Circulat'n.	Total copies in 1883.
Sunday-School Journal	113,791	1,365,492
Sunday School Advocate	179,875	4,317,000
Sunday School Classmate	79,520	1,908,480
The Senior Leaf	74,550	298,200
The Bereau Leaf	1,191,375	4,765 500
The Beginner's Leaf	112,250	449,000
Picture Lesson Paper	218,209	11,346,868
The Study	2,000	8 000
Leaf Cluster	2 500	10,000
Sunday School Bell (German)	7,000	.....
Bible Lessons (German)	28,625	.....
New Bell (German)	7,000	.....
Sunday School Banneret (Swedish)	2,443	.....

Board of Education Notes.

The following observations are from the report of the Board to the late General Conference:

"Both in the Foreign Mission field and in the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society the educational and missionary activities of the Church blend together in perfect unison, proving how essential they are to each other in accomplishing mutually their highest objects. It has long been known that no small part of the work of our home institutions has been to instruct and prepare candidates for mission fields, as well as to train men and women for Christian activities in home fields. Not only does the educational work of the Church combine readily and efficiently with that of missions, but also with that of all other branches of appropriate Church action.

"The great Sunday School system of modern times, is itself a valuable and far-reaching agency of instruction, but its ordinary work is only elementary and needs to be supplemented in the case of all its subjects who aspire to enlarged spheres of usefulness by instruction of higher grades. So in the work of translating the Scriptures, writing tracts and conducting the Christian press, the work of education is fundamental to success."

It is estimated that the liberal sum of $10,000 000 was given to the cause of education during the centennary of 1866.

The funds of the Board, interest only, is to be used to aid young men preparing for foreign missionary work and for the ministry; young women desiring to qualify themselves as Christian workers in foreign or home fields; theological schools, universities, colleges and academies.

The Board is to serve as a general agency of the Church in behalf of ministerial and general education. (See statistics.)

Church Extension Notes.

The Board of Church Extension is authorized to make appropriations within each Conference only in proportion to the response of the Conference to the calls made upon it.

The total receipts of the board, from its organization, October 19, 1865, to October 31, 1883, were:

On general fund	$1,513,670.24
On loan fund	507,605.89
By loans returned	302,817.83
Total used in church extension	$2,324,093.96

Number of churches aided by donations and loans in 1883, 442; total from the beginning, 4,354. No application for a donation from any church costing over $10,000 shall be entertained, unless such church shall have consulted the Board of Church Extension before commencing to build.

Women's Foreign Missionary Society Notes.

"At home its object has been to interest and enlist the sympathies of the women of Methodism in the great missionary cause, while abroad it has adhered to its first and only purpose—to point the women of the world to Christ."

The Heathen Woman's Friend has a circulation of 20,650. In 1883 1,500,000 pages of Leaflets were distributed. The first missionaries sent out by the society, Misses Thoburn and Swain, sailed from New York for India, November 23, 1869. Since that date the Society has sent out sixty-eight more to India, China, Japan, Africa, Mexico and South America.

Secessions from the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Like many other organizations, the Methodist Episcopal Church has lost from time to time by disaffection and withdrawals. Below we give the most important of these, with the occasion for each.

1. The O'Kelley Schism.—This occurred in 1792, because the Conference refused to restrict the power of the Bishops in the appointments of ministers to their fields of labor.

2. Union American Methodist Episcopal Church.—In 1813 a number of colored members seceded, and formed this organization, in which the pastoral term was at first unlimited, and the ministers labored without salary.

3. Reformed Methodist Church.–This body now merged into the Wesleyan Methodist Church, withdrew in 1814, because they felt themselves restricted under the Episcopal form of government.

4. African Methodist Episcopal Church.—This division had its origin in the conviction of many colored ministers that they could be freer and more useful in a separate communion. Accordingly they withdrew in 1816.

5. African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.—This is another division, growing out of views of church government. It took place in 1820.

6. Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.—Embarrassments arose in Canada after the war of 1812, because of the Conference having connection with a foreign ecclesiastical body, which finally became so severe that the General Conference of 1828 consented to the withdrawal of the Canada brethren.

7. Methodist Protestant Church.—In 1830, 83 preachers and 5,000 members withdrew because the Methodist Episcopal Church refused to adopt lay representation in the General Conference.

8. Wesleyan Methodist Church.—The main reason for the establishment, in 1843, of this body was their hostility to slavery.

9. Methodist Episcopal Church, South.—This, the most serious of all divisions that have affected the Church, occurred in 1844, because of the irreconcilable difference of opinion on the question of slavery. All the Southern Conferences, including 1,345 traveling preachers and 495,288 members went off in a body.

10. Free Methodist Church.—Organized, 1860, by ministers and members who had been expelled from the "parent" body. The most prominent causes for the formation of the new body was a desire for "primitive Methodist simplicity and a more faithful adherence to the doctrines and usages of Wesley."

The Methodist Episcopal Church holds "fraternal" relations with all of these bodies now in existence.

Woman's Home Missionary Society Notes.

The aim of this society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

Mrs. Ex-President Hayes is president of the society.

The society was organized in 1880, but already its missionaries are found in Ogden and Salt Lake, Utah, in Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and Louisiana.

Its teachers are sustained in the Missionary Schools of the West, and it is providing for the schools in the southern industrial departments, where girls may be taught house-keeping and the industries essential to the home.

Chronological Table of General Conferences.

Year.	DATE.	PLACE.	Members.	Bishops.	Conference.	MEMORANDA.
1773	July 14-16	Philadelphia	10		1	First annual conference. Thomas Rankin presided.
1784	Dec. 24, Jan. 2	"	60		1	Methodist Episcopal church organized. Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke elected general superintendents.
1787	May 1	Baltimore	...	2	3	Titles bishop and presiding elder first used
1789	December	Cokesb'ry Col	...	2	...	This council was composed exclusively of the bishops and presiding elders.
1790	December	" "	...	2	...	The council having proved unsatisfactory a general conference was agreed upon.
1792	Nov. 1	Baltimore	...	2	...	First general conference. Arranged to meet every four years. P. E. term limited to four years. Book concern established.
1796	Oct. 20	"	120	2	6	Chartered fund instituted. Annual conference boundaries first determined by general conference.
1800	May 6-20	"	...	3	7	R. Whatcoat elected bishop. Book concern removed from Philadelphia to New York.
1804	" 7-23	"	107	3	7	The pastoral term limited to two years; before this there had been no limit.
1808	" 6-16	"	129	3	7	Wm McKendree elected bishop. Delegated general conference provided for; 1 for each 5 itinerants. Restrictive rules first adopted.
1812	" 1-22	New York	88	3	9	First delegated general conference. Bishop McKendree presented first written Episcopal address.
1816	" 1-24	Baltimore	103	3	11	Enoch George and R. R. Roberts elected bishops. Course of study for ministers provided for
1820	" 1-27	"	83	3	11	J. Soule elected bishop, but declined. Missionary society (organized N. Y. 1819) adopted. Hymn book ordered revised.
1824	" 1-29	"	126	5	15	J. Soule and E. Hedding elected bishops. Elective presiding eldership announced vetoed by the annual conferences.
1828	" 1 24	Pittsburg	76	5	17	Connection with Canada conference dissolved.
1832	" 1-28	Philadelphia	200	6	22	J. O. Andrews and J. Emory elected bishops. Provision made for altering the restrictive rules.
1836	" 1-27	Cincinnati	158	6	29	B. Waugh, W. Fisk and T. A. Morris elected bishops. Dr. Fisk declined. Liberia conference organized.
1840	" 1, June 3	Baltimore	142	6	32	The Sunday School Union reorganized.
1844	" 1, " 10	New York	192	7	24	E. S. Janes and L. L. Hamline elected bishops. Plan of separation with the South adopted.
1848	" 1, " 1	Pittsburg	151	5	30	Plan of separation declared null and void.
1852	" 1, " 1	Boston	179	7	32	L. Scott, M. Simpson, O. C. Baker and E. R. Ames elected bishops. Bishop Hamline resigns his office.
1856	" 1, " 4	Indianapolis	237	7	47	Election of missionary bishop authorized. Francis Burns subsequently elected.
1860	" 1, " 4	Buffal	222	7	51	Position taken strongly against slavery. Resolution favorable to lay delegation adopted.
1864	" 1-27	Philadelphia	216	9	68	D. W. Clark, E. Thompson and C. Kingsley elected bishops. Pastoral term extended to 3 years. Church extension board provided for.
1868	" 1, June 2	Chicago	343	10	72	Delegates from mission conference admitted. Resolution favoring lay delegation reaffirmed. Lay delegates admitted.
1872	" 1, June 4	Brooklyn	421	14	76	Bishops Bowman, Harris, Foster, Wiley, Merrill, Andrews, G. Haven and Peck elected. Episcopal residences first designated.
1876	" 1-31	Baltimore	356	12	88	Fraternal relations instituted with M. E. Church, South. Elective presiding eldership voted down.
1880	" 1-28	Cincinnati	399	13	94	Bishops Warren, Foss, Hurst and E. O. Haven elected. Manual authorized. Observance of centennary, 1884, authorized.
1884	" 1-28	Philadelphia	417	15	103	Bishops Ninde, Walden, Mallalieu and Fowler elected. Wm. Taylor missionary bishop to Africa.

II. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE.

CHRONOLOGICAL RECORD

Of Appointments of Members of the Southern Ill. Conference, 1884.

ROBERT ALLYN, LL. D.

1863-73, Prest. McKendree College.
1874-84, Princ. S. Ill. Normal University.

ALFRED BLISS.

1854-55 ..... Louisville
1856-57 Agt. S. Ill. Female College.
1858 ..... Central City
1859 Agt. S. Ill. Female College.
1860-61 ..... Hillsboro
1862 64 ..... Ramsey
1865 Supernumerary
1866 . Superannuated
1867 ..... Gillespie
1868 .... Brighton Ct.
1869 Fidelity & Piasa
1870 ..... Elsah
1871-72 ..... Troy
1873 ... Litchfield Ct.
1874 ..... Venice
1875 . Superannuated
1876-77 ..... Carlyle
1878-80 ..... Troy
1881-84. Superannuated

WM. B. BRUNER.

1859 .... New Haven
1860-61 ..... Raleigh
1862 Chaplain U. S. A.
1863 ..... Benton
1864 ..... Desoto
1865 ..... Nashville
1866-67 ..... Grayville
1868 ..... Fairfield
1869 . Pinckneyville
1870-72 ..... Tamaroa
1873 ..... Richview
1874 ..... Hebron
1875 ..... Sumner
1876 Mulberry Grove
1877 .... Greencastle
1878 ..... Wanda
1879 ..... Ramsey
1880 ..... Xenia
1881-84, Supernumerary

CHAS. W. BONNER.

1865 ..... Robinson
1866 ..... Newton
1867 ..... Wesley
1868 ..... Robinson
1869 ..... Anna
1870-71 ..... Ashley
1872 ..... Du Quoin
1873 ... Upper Alton
1874 ..... Otterville
1875-76 Supernumerary
1877-78 ..... Du Quoin
1879-83 Supernumerary
1884 ..... Sparta

GEO. W. BUTLER.

1866 ..... Robinson
1867-68 ..... Noble
1869 ... Grand Tower
1870-71. . Murphysboro
1872 ..... Sparta
1873-74 ..... Tamaroa
1875 ..... Corinth
1876-77. . Murphysboro
1878-79 ..... Mason
1880-81 ..... Irvington
1882 ..... Altamont
1883-84, Supernumerary

FRANKLIN O. BLAIR, A.M.

1858-70, Prof. McKendree College.
1871 Agent McKendree College.
1872-84. . Agent A. B. S.

JONATHAN J. BOYER.

1868 ..... Patoka
1869-71 ... Du Quoin Ct.
1872 ..... Steelville
1873-74 ..... Dongola
1875-76 ..... Hebron
1877-78 ..... Enfield
1879 ..... Steelville
1880 .... Metropolis
1881-82 .... Walnut Hill
1883 ..... Irvington
1884 .. Mt. Vernon Ct.

NAAMAN BASCOM.

1876 ..... Golconda
1877-78. . . New Liberty
1879 ..... Iuka
1880-81 ..... Patoka
1882 83 .... Kinmundy
1884 ..... Odin

JOHN W. BAINE.

1883-84 ..... Opdyke

JAS. H. BENNET.

1881-82 ... Du Quoin Ct.
1883 .... Enfield Ct.
1884 ..... Omaha

WM. R. BRADLEY.

1882 .. Johnsonville
1883 ..... Odin
1884 ..... Patoka

JOHN W. BRITTON.

1883 ..... Albion
1884 ..... Oblong

EDMUND BARNES.

1884 ... Harrisburg

JOHN W. CALDWELL.

1849 . . Lawrenceville
1850 . . . . . Mt. Carmel
1851 . . . Middle Alton
1852 . . . . . Vandalia
1853 . . . . . Greenville
1854 . . . . . Jerseyville
1855 . . . Edwardsville
1856 . . Upper Alton
1857 . . . . . Jerseyville
1858 . . . . Upper Alton
1859 Supernumerary
1860 . . . . . Belleville
1861-62. . . . Bunker Hill
1863 64. . . . . Litchfield
1865 . . . . . Du Quoin
1866 68. . . . . Jerseyville
1869-76. Superannuated
1877 . . . . . Venice
1878 79. . . . . Fidelity
1880-82. . . . . Gillespie
1883-84. . . . . Godfrey

GEO. W. CULLOM.

1853 . . . . New Haven
1854 . . . . . Benton
1855-56. . Pinckneyville
1857 . . . . . Ewington
1858 . Superannuated
1859-60. . . Louden City
1861 . . . . . Ramsey
1862 . . . . . Newton
1863 . . . . . Effingham
1864-65. Superannuated
1866 . Pleasant Grove
1867-74. Superannuated
1875 . . . . . Watson
1876-84. Superannuated

LAFAYETTE CASEY.

1854 . . . Hickory Hill
1855-56. . . . . Xenia
1857 . . . . Central City
1858 . . . . . Carlyle
1859 . . . . . Kane
1860 . . . . . Bethalto
1861 Edwardsville Ct.
1862-63. . . . . Elsah
1864 . . . . Brighton Ct.
1865 . . . . . Salem Ct.
1866-67. . . . Walnut Hill
1868 . . . . . Nashville
1869 . . . . . Irvington
1870-71 . . . . . Benton
1872-73 . . . . . Trenton
1874-75. . Greenville Ct.
1876 . . . . . Patoka
1877-78 . . . . . Irvington
1879 . . . . . St. Elmo
1880 . . . . . Odin
1881 . . . . . Ramsey
1882 Superannuated
1883-84. . . . . Avena

OWEN H. CLARK, D. D.

1859 . . . . . Granville
1860 Pinckneyville
1861 . . . . . Dongola
1862 . . Elizabethtown
1863-64, Supernumerary
1865-66. . . . . Hebron
1867-68. . Lawrenceville
1869-70. . . . . Olney Ct.
1871-72 . . . . . Flora
1873-74. . . . . Ashley
1875 77. . . . . Centralia
1878-79. . . . Vandalia. . .
1880-83. . Olney District
1884 . . . . . Mt. Vernon

RANDOLPH M. CARTER.

1871 . . . . . Norris City
1872 . . . Johnsonville
1873 . . . Jeffersonville
1874 Supernumerary
1875 . . . . . Xenia
1876 . . . . Louisville
1877-78. . . . . Newton
1879-81. . . . . Grayville
1882-84 . . . . Mt. Carmel

DAVID CAUGHLIN.

1869 . . . . . Elsah
1870 . . . . Walshville
1871-72 Edwardsville Ct
1873-74. . . McLeansboro
1875 . . . . . Tamaroa
1876 . . . . . Richview
1877-78. . East St. Louis
1879 . . . . . Shiloh
1880 . . . . . Pocahontas
1881-83 . . . . Nashville
1884 . . . . . Waterloo

NICIAS B. COOKSEY.

1875-76 Clay City & Noble
1877-78. . . . . Altamont
1879-81 . . . Kinmundy
1882 . . . . . Salem
1883-84 . . . . . Olney

JOSEPH L. CUNNINGHAM.

1876 . New Liberty
1877-78. . . . . Golconda
1879 . . . . . Belknap
1880 . . . . . Ullin
1881-82. . . . . Avena
1883-84 . . . . Ramsey

LAFAYETTE CROW.

1878 . . . . . Liberty
1879 . . . . . Middleton
1880 . . . . . Golconda
1881 . . . . . O'Fallon
1882 . . . . . Norris City
1883 . . . . Flat Rock
1884 . . . . . Olney Ct.

NATHANIEL CROW.

1879 . . . . New Liberty
1880 81. . Elizabethtown
1882 . . . . Harrisburg
1883-84. . . . . Vienna

LEMUEL CRAMP, B. S.

1879-80. . . . . Grafton
1881-83 . . . . . Fidelity
1884 . . . Litchfield Ct.

LUTHER E. COLE.

1881 . . . . . Grafton
1882-84. . . . . Elsah

SILAS P. CHAPIN.

1882 . . . . . St. Elmo
1883 84. . . . . Altamont

JAMES D. CRENSHAW.

1884 . . . Du Quoin Ct.

WM. F. DAVIS.

1858 . . . . Cumberland
1859 . . . . Mt. Pleasant
1860-61 Mulberry Grove
1862-63. . . . . Gillespie
1864-65. . . . . Elsah

1866 Mulberry Grove
1867 ....Collinsville
1868-70.....Trenton
1871-72..... Shiloh
1873-74Mt.Carmel Distr
1875-78. Vandalia Distr
1879-81.... ...Fairfield
1882 .....Greenville
1883-84.....Belleville

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JAMES P. DEW.

1864 .... .Metropolis
1865 .....Richview
1866 ..... .Sparta
1867 .. .Upper Alton
1868 ..... Kane
1869 ...Edwardsville
1870 ..... Shipman
1871 .Supernumerary
1872 .....Xenia
1873-78. . ..Transferred
1879-80.....Du Quoin
1881 .Supernumerary
1882-84. Superannuated

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THOMAS J. DAVIS.

1867 .....Mascoutah
1868 .....Pocahontas
1869-70.....Wisetown
1871-72.....Waterloo
1873 .....Benton
1874-75.....Makanda
1876-77.....Marion
1878 ..... Beaucoup
1879-80...East St. Louis
1881-83.....Collinsville
1884 .....Kane

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ALEXANDER L. DOWNEY.

1871 ....Desoto
1872-73. Carbondale Ct,
1874 .....Vienna
1875 ..... Benton
1876-77..... .Tamaroa
1878 .. .Johnsonville
1879 ....Walnut Hill
1880 ....Iuka
1881 . Spring Garden
1882 ..... .Belle City
1883 .....Omaha
1884 . Superannuated

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HIRAM A. DOTY.

1878 ....Cobden
1879 ....Desoto
1880 ....Palestine
1881-83....Mound City
1884 .....Marion

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FRANK W.DOWNS, A. M.

1878 ....Sumner
1879-80 ....Newton
1881 .....Calhoun
1882 .Supernumerary
1883-84. .East St. Louis

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JAMES G. DEE, M. S.

1879 .. ...Wakefield
1880-81..... ....Oblong
1882-83..... ..Louisville
1884 .....St. Elmo

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THOMAS A. EATON, B. S.

1850 ....Mt. Pleasant
1851 .....Vandalia
1852 .... Fayetteville
1853 .....Carlyle
1854 ....Shiloh
1855 ..... Pocahontas
1856-57.....Salem
1858 .. ..Mt. Vernon
1859 .....Richview
1860 ....Lebanon
1861-62.....Trenton
1863-64 .....Carlyle
1865 ....Highland
1866-69..Lebanon Distr
1870-71.....Mt. Carmel
1872 ....Albion
1873-74..... ...Gillespie
1875-76Edwardsville Ct.
1877-78.....Highland
1879-80 ....Trenton
1881-83.....Clement
1884 .. ..Du Quoin

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LEVI C. ENGLISH.

1852 ....Newton
1853 ..Mt. Carmel Ct.
1854 .....Granville
1855 ....Olney
1856 ..... .Prairieton
1857 .....Jonesboro
1858 ....Saratoga
1859 .....Jonesboro
1860-61.....Albion
1862 ..... .Prairieton
1863 ....Olney Ct.
1864 ..... .Fairview
1865-67.....Robinson
1868 ....Ashley
1869-71. Du Quoin Dist.
1872 Mt.Vernon Dist.
1873-74.....Fidelity
1875-76..... ...Gillespie
1877-79.....Staunton
1880-81.. .Upper Alton
1882-83..... .....Albion
1884 .....Robinson

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JOSEPH EARP.

1854 ....Vandalia
1855 ....Central City
1856-57..... .....Alton
1858 ....Lebanon
1859 ....Bunker Hill
1860 ....Brighton
1861 .... .Jerseyville
1862-65..Lebanon Dist.
1866 ....Lebanon
1867 .....Mt. Carmel
1868 ....Olney
1869-71.....Vandalia
1872 ....Salem
1673-76.....Alton Dist.
1877-78..... ...Lebanon
1879-81.....Mt. Carmel
1882-84.....Brighton

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DAVID ELAM.

1865 . .Elizabethtown
1866-67..... ...Saratoga
1868-69.... ...Equality
1870 .....Big Prairie
1871 .... .Philipstown
1872 .... .Dudleyville
1873-74..... ..Nashville
1875-77..... .....Farina
1878-84. Superannuated

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VOLNEY C. EVERS.

1871 . .Reynoldsburg
1872-73 ....Ville Ridge
1874 .. .New Liberty
1875 ....Shobonier
1876-77 Supernumerary

1878 .....Belknap
1879-80. Shawneetown
1881-82.....Carmi
1883-84.....Carlyle

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WM. W. EDWARDS, A. M.
1883 .....Freeburg
1884 Troy&St.Jacobs

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ROLLA Z. FAHS.
1868 ..Metropolis Ct.
1869 .....Dongola
1870-71.....Richview
1872 ...Murphysboro
1873 Supernumerary
1874 ....Mound City
1875-76.....Kane
1877-78....Brighton Ct.
1879 .....Miles
1880-81..... Elsah
1882-83.... ..Staunton
1884 .....Piasa

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JOHN W. FIELD.
1872 .... ..Eddyville
1873 .....Golconda
1874 ... ..Eldorado
1875 ..Elizabethtown
1876-77.....Vienna
1878 .....Omaha
1879 .....Opdyke
1880-82.... Hawthorne
1883 ..... Enfield
1884 .....Newton

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JOHN W. FLINT, A. M.
1875 ..... Sparta
1876 .....Benton
1877-78.... ....Corinth
1879-80..Mt. Vernon Ct.
1881-83..... ....Chester
1884 Anna&Jonesb'ro

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JOHN W. FRANKLIN.
1882 .....Opdyke
1883 .....Benton
1884 ..... Tamaroa

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JOHN GILLHAM.
1846 ....Cumberland
1847 . Crooked Creek
1848 .....Olney
1849-50. . McLeansboro
1851-52.....Ewington
1853-54.....Xenia
1855-56..... ...Fairfield
1857 .....Carmi
1858 ....Raleigh
1859 . Superannuated
1860-61. . McLeansboro
1862-63....New Haven
1864-65.....Galconda
1866-67..... ..Equality
1868-69.....Middleton
1870 . . .Johnsonville
1871-72.....Belle City
1873-76 Supernumerary
1877-84. Superannuated

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JOHN D. GILLHAM.
1856 ....Gillespie
1857 .. .... Litchfield
1858 ..... Kane
1859 ...Upper Alton
1860-61...Edwardsville
1862-63Chap.117 Ill.Vol.
1864-65..... Salem
1866-68.....Centralia
1869-73 Supernumerary
1874 .....Nashville
1875-76 ....Cairo
1877-79 ....Litchfield
1880-82 .....Belleville
1883-84. . . Carbondale

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SIMON P. GROVES.
1859 .....Carmi
1860 .....Rosiclare
1861 ....New Haven
1862 .....Raleigh
1863 ....Mound City
1864-65.....Marion
1866-67 ..... Benton
1868 .....Chester
1869 .... .Metropolis
1870-71..... ..Fairfield
1872-73.....Carlyle
1874 ...East St. Louis
1875-76..... Staunton
1877 .....Gillespie
1878-79.. .Upper Alton
1880-81.....Alton
1882-83..... ....Shipman
1884 ..... Litchfield

ROBERT M. GWINN.
1869 .....Donnelson
1870-71..... ..St. Elmo
1872 ....Transferred
1882 Supernumerary
1883 . Superannuated
1884 ....Kinmundy

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JOSIAH GIBSON, D. D.
1870-71...Upper Alton
1872-73...Edwardsville
1874 ....Bunker Hill
1875 .....Brighton
1876-77..... Greenville
1878-79.....Effingham
1880-84Supernumerary

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ELIAS M. GLASGOW.
1878 .... Woodlawn
1879 .....Palestine
1880 .. Mound City
1881-84Supernumerary

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SILAS GREEN.
1882 ..... Enfield
1883 .....Robinson
1884 . ..... .Albion

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JOHN H. HILL.
1847 .. Lawrenceville
1848-49..... .Palestine
1850 .....Carmi
1851-52.....Mt.Vernon
1853-55Mt.Vernon Dist.
1856-57AgtM'K.College
1858 .....Carbondale
1859 62..Equality Dist.
1863-64. . ..Mt. Vernon
1865 ....Mound City
1866 ...Pinckneyville
1867 ..... Du Quoin
1868 .....Collinsville
1869 ..... .Highland
1870-72 ..... .Mason
1873-74..... ..Fairfield
1875-76.....Bridgeport
1877 .....Nashville
1878 .....Greencastle
1879-84. Superannuated

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BENJ. A. HOAR.
1883-84..... Watson

MICAJAH HOUSE.

1857-58....New Haven
1859-60.....Marion
1861 .....Mt. Vernon
1862-63.....Ashley
1864-66.....Jonesboro
1867 .....Dongola
1868-69.....Salem Ct.
1870-71.....Greenville
1872-73.....Nashville
1874-75.....Du Quoin
1876-77..... Chester
1878-79.....Jonesboro
1880-82..Murphysboro
1883 ...Pinckneyville
1884 ....Mound City

LEWIS A. HARPER.

1858 .....Shiloh
1859-60...Harrisonville
1861 .....Chester
1862 Xenia&Louisv'le
1863 .....Fairview
1864 .....Hebron
1865 .....Equality
1866-67.....Desoto
1868 .. Walnut Hill
1869-70..Mt.Vernon Ct.
1871 ..Spring Garden
1872-74....Greencastle
1875 ...Litchfield Ct.
1876-77...Johnsonville
1878-80..... Avena
1881 .....Mason
1882 .. ....Irvington
1883-84...Johnsonville

JOSEPH HARRIS, A. M.

1862 ...Upper Alton
1863 ..... Alton
1864-65.....Brighton
1866-67 .....Salem
1868 .....Du Quoin
1869-71....Mt. Vernon
1872-74 .....Vandalia
1875 .....Effingham
1876-78.Mt.CarmelDist.
1879-84ProfM'K College

JOSIAH G. HARMON.

1884 At Garrett Biblical Institute.

THOMAS F. HOUTS, A. M.

1856 .....Salem Ct.
1867 ..... Lebanon
1858-59.....Salem
1860 .. ....Litchfield
1861 Chap.22dIll.Vol.
1862-64.....Salem Dist.
1865-67 .. ..Olney
1868 ....Transferred
1878-79.....Olney
1880-82 ....Carbondale
1883-84Chap S.Ill.Pent'y

THOMAS H. HERDMAN, A.M

1865-69 Princ. Mt. Vernon Seminary.
1869-70.....Du Quoin
1871-73 .....Litchfield
1874 .....Lebanon
1875-77.....Vandalia
1878 .....Mt. Carmel
1879-80 ... ...Lebanon
1881-84..Lebanon Dist.

EDWIN A. HOYT, A. M.

1867 .....Kane
1868 .....Mascoutah
1869-70.....Pocahontas
1871-73.....Collinsville
1874 .....Brighton
1875-76...Edwardsville
1877-78.....Carmi
1879-80.....Carlyle
1881 .....Greenville
1882-83.....Lebanon
1884 .....Cairo

NATHAN E. HARMON.

1869 ..Mt.Vernon Ct.
1870 .....Macedonia
1871 ....Johnsonville
1872 .....Louisville
1873-75.....Elsah
1876-77.....Fidelity
1878-79.....Kane
1880-81.....Shipman
1882 ...Transferred
1883 .....Newton
1884 Supernumerary

JOHN D. HENNESSY, A. B.

1883-84.....Flat Rock

JAMES HOBBS.

1872 .....Galatia
1873 ..... Hoodville
1874 .....Burnsides
1875 ....New Haven
1876-77.....Belle City
1879 ... .Belknap
1879-80..Litchfield Ct.
1881 ....Hagarstown
1882-83.....Pocahontas
1884 Supernumerary

JOSEPH A. HAMPTON.

1874-76 ....Donnelson
1877-78Mulberry Grove
1879-80.....Beaucoup
1881-83...New Douglas
1884 .....Pocahontas

P. L. HOOKER.

1876 .....Equality
1877-78 Elizabethtown
1879 .....Vienna
1880-81.....Clay City
1882-84Miss. West Dak.

ROBERT P. HAMMONS.

1880-82.....Vienna
1883 .....Hawthorn
1884 .....Enfield

JOHN F. HARMON.

1882 .....Newton Ct.
1883 ....Bible Grove
1883 At Garrett Biblical Institute.

W. G. HALE.

1883 .....Rose Hill
1884 .....Oblong

JABEZ B. HOUSE.

1883 .....Donnelson
1884 .....Wanda

JOHN T. HUFFMAN.

1884 .Elsah & Grafton

JOHN W. JACKSON.

1882 .....Wakefield
1883 .....Newton Ct.
1884 .....Calhoun

EPHRAIM JOY.

1846 .....Carlyle
1847-48 .....Nashville
1849 ..Shawneetown
1850 .....Equality
1851 .....Chester
1852-55..Jonesboro Dist.
1856 .....Mt. Vernon
1857.58.....Grayville
1859-60.....Shiloh
1861 .....Centralia
1862 .....Nashville
1863-64....Cardondale
1865 .....Alton
1866-67.....Shiloh
1868-71 ....Olney Dist.
1872 ..Shawneetown
1873 .....Salem
1874 .....Highland
1875-76.....Grayville
1877-79....Mound City
1880-84Supernumerary

THOMAS N. JOHNSON.

1857 Mulberry Grove
1858 .....Golconda
1859 .....Raleigh
1860 ....New Haven
1861 .....Marion
1862 .....Benton
1863-64.....Du Quoin
1865 .....Raleigh
1866-67.....Salem Ct.
1868-69.....Mason
1870-71..Lawrenceville
1872 .....Sumner
1873 .....Waterloo
1874 .....Pocahontas
1875 ....Walnut Hill
1876 .....Opdyke
1877-78Supernumerary
1879-84. Superannuated

OLIVER V. JONES, A. M.

1863-79ProfM'K College
1880-84Supernumerary

JOHN H. JONES.

1882-83.....Steelville
1884 ...Pinckneyville

MARCUS L. KING.

1871-73.....Big Prairie
1874-75..Mt. Carmel Ct.
1876 .....Oblong
1877-78.....Iuka
1879-80..Johnsonville
1881-82.....Odin
1883 84....Walnut Hill

CHAS. H. KIRKBRIDE.

1880 .....Sparta
1881-84 Supernumerary

HARVEY H. KEITH.

1883 McLeansboro Ct.
1884 .....Donnelson

JOHN W. LOWE.

1852-53.....Golconda
1854 .....Vienna
1855 .....Jonesboro
1856-57.....Carlyle
1858 .....Vandalia
1859-60 .....Waterloo
1861 Cairo & Md.City
1862 ....Carbondale
1863-64..Equality Dist.
1865-68..Du Quoin Dist.
1869-70.....Chester
1871 ....Brighton Ct.
1872 ....Upper Alton
1873 .....Albion
1874 .....Grayville
1875 .....Chester
1876-77.Carbondale Ct.
1878 .....Richview
1879 .....Irvington
1880-81 .....St. Elmo
1882 .....Shiloh
1883 .....Piasa
1884 . Superannuated

CALEB D. LINGENFELTER.

1854 .....Vienna
1855 .....Saratoga
1856-57..Murphysboro
1858-59...Nashville Ct.
1860-61.....Carmi
1862-63.....Grayville
1864-65..Lawrenceville
1866-68 .....Olney Ct.
1869-70.....Xenia
1871 .....Irvington
1872 Shawneet'n Dist.
1873-75Harrisburg Dist.
1876 .....Olney Ct.
1877-78 .....Mt. Erie
1879-80 .. ...Fairview
1881-82.....Bellmont
1883 ...Jeffersonville
1884 ....Bible Grove

VAL. D. LINGENFELTER.

1854 .....Marion
1855 .....Vienna
1856 .....Jonesboro
1857 Cairo & Md. City
1858-59 .....Greenville
1860-61.....Highland
1862-63....Brighton Ct.
1864 Supernumerary
1865-66 .....Albion
1867 .....Mt. Erie
1868-69Mulberry Grove
1870-71.... Kinmundy
1872 .....Clay City
1873-74..Lawrenceville
1875-76.....Robinson
1877-78.....Calhoun
1879 .....Mt. Erie
1880 .....Clement
1881-82 .....Trenton
1883-84.....Carmi

REUBEN W. LAUGHLIN.

1855 ..... Pulaski
1856 .....Marion
1857-58.....Blairsville
1859 .....Saratoga
1860 ...Murphysboro
1861 .....Desoto
1862 ...Hickory Hill
1863 Spring Garden
1864-65.....Benton
1866 .....Marion
1867 .....Mt. Carbon
1868 ...Murphysboro
1869-70.....Tamaroa
1871-72...Nashville Ct.
1873-74 .....Calhoun
1875 ....Bible Grove
1876 .....Corinth
1877 .....Steelville
1878 .....Wakefield

1879 ..... Makanda
1880 ..... Tamaroa
1881 ..... Beaucoup
1882-83 ..... Troy
1884 Supernumerary

JOHN LEEPER, A. M.

1856-57 ..... Robinson
1858-59 ..... Palestine
1860-61 .. Mt. Carmel Ct.
1862 ..... Carmi
1863 ..... Sparta
1864-65 ..... Ashley
1866-67 ..... Richview
1868 ..... Mt. Vernon
1869 ..... Effingham
1870-71 ..... Salem Ct.
1872 ..... Irvington
1873-75 Mt. Vernon Dist.
1876-79 ..... Olney Dist.
1880 ..... Litchfield
1881-82 ..... Sumner
1883-84 .. Vandalia Dist.

ERASTUS LATHROP.

1866-67 ..... Chester
1868 ..... Cairo
1869 ..... Salem
1870 ..... Metropolis
1871 ..... Clay City
1872 .. Lawrenceville
1873 ..... Olney Ct.
1874 ..... Louisville
1875 ..... Richview
1876 ..... Du Quoin
1877 ..... Jonesboro
1878 ..... Steelville
1879 ... Murphysboro
1880 ... Grand Tower
1881 ..... Sparta
1882-84. Superannuated

JOHN W. LOCKE, D. D.

1874-77 Pres M'K College
1878-80 Lebanon Dist.
1881-83 .... Mt. Vernon
1884 ..... Fairfield

JOHN LAIRD, M. S.

1875-76 ..... Waterloo
1877 ..... Pocahontas
1878 ..... Benton
1879 ..... Ullin
1880-81 ..... Desoto
1882-83 ..... Marion
1884 ... New Douglas

NATHAN H. LEE.

1878-79 ..... Sumner
1880-81 ..... Miles
1882-83 ..... Kane
1884 At Garrett Biblical Institute,

FRANK W. LOY.

1880-81 ..... Rose Hill
1882-83 ..... Clay City
1884 At McK. College

DANIEL J. LITTLE.

1881-82 .... Ullin & Elco
1883 .. Spring Garden
1884 ..... Hawthorn

JACOB A. LEATHERMAN.

1883-84 .. Metropolis Ct.

ANDREW B. MORRISON.

1853 ..... Olney
1854 ..... Newton
1855 ..... Carmi
1856-57 ..... Albion
1858-59 .. Lawrenceville
1860 ..... Nashville
1861-64 Chap 26th Ill. Vol.
1865-66 ..... Mt. Carmel
1867 ..... Flora
1868-69 ..... Cairo Dist.
1870 ..... Transferred
1872-73 ..... Alton
1874-77 .. Lebanon Dist.
1878-79 ..... Carbondale
1880 ..... Sumner
1881-82 ..... Litchfield
1883-84 Supernumerary

ROBERT H. MANIER.

1854 .. Pinckneyville
1855 ..... Centralia
1856 Cairo & Md. City
1857 ..... Carbondale
1858 ..... Chester
1859-60 ..... Mt. Vernon
1861 Chap 48th Ill. Vol.
1862-74 ..... Located
1875 ..... Harrisburg
1876-77 ..... Hawthorne
1878 .. Shawneetown
1879 ..... Enfield
1880-82 ..... Effingham
1883-84 ... Edwardsville

HENRY MANIFOLD.

1855 ..... Granville
1856 .... Georgetown
1857 ..... Fairview
1858-59 ..... Albion
1860 .... Georgetown
1861-62. Superannuated
1863-64 ..... Marion
1865 Supernumerary
1866-68 .. Mt. Carmel Ct.
1869-70 ..... Ramsey
1871 Mulberry Grove
1872-74 ..... Patoka
1875 ..... Clement
1876-77 ..... Ramsey
1878-80 ..... Shobonier
1881 Pleasant Grove
1882-83 ..... Xenia
1884 ..... Iuka

RICHARD H. MASSEY.

1856 ..... Ewington
1857 ..... Mt. Erie
1858-59 .... Fostersburg
1860 ..... Mt. Erie
1861-63 Chap 40th Ill. Vol.
1864-66 ..... Fairfield
1867-68 ..... Xenia
1869-72 Mt. Carmel Dist.
1873-74 ..... Shiloh
1875 ..... Greenville
1876 ... East St. Louis
1877 ..... Wanda
1878-79 ..... Gillespie
1880-81 ..... Kane
1882-83 .. Upper Alton
1884 ..... Chester

WM. M'MORROW.

1867-68 ..... Golconda
1869 ..... Pulaski
1870 .... New Haven
1871-72 ..... Bellair
1873 ..... Hebron

1874-75 . . Johnsonville
1876 . . Spring Garden
1877 McLeansboro Ct.
1878-79 . . . . Okawville
1880-82 . . . Waterloo
1883 Mulberry Grove
1884 . . . . Hagarstown

DAVID MOORE.

1874-75 . . . Friendsville
1876 . . . . . Odin
1877 . . . . . Avena
1878 . . . . . Irvington
1879 . . Elizabethtown
1880 . . . . Equality
1881 No appointment
1882 . . . . Freeburg
1883 . . . . . Waterloo
1884 . . . . . Staunton

THOMAS J. MASSEY.

1876 . . . . . Bellair
1877-79 . . . . Xenia
1880-82 . . . Robinson
1883 . . . Sumner Ct.
1884 . . . . . Sumner

J. H. M'GRIFF.

1877 . . . . . Equality
1878 . . . . . Vienna
1879-80 . . . . Freeburg
1881-82 Mulberry Grove
1883 Cobden & Makanda
1884 . . Carbondale Ct.

WM. H. MULVANEY.

1880-81 . . . . . Farina
1882-84 Pleasant Grove

WM. T. MORRIS.

1881-82 McLeansboro Ct.
1883-84 . . Grayville Ct.

JAMES W. MORRIS.

1881 . . . . . Omaha
1882 . . Metropolis Ct.
1883 . . . . Harrisburg
1884 . . . . . Caseyville

JAMES W. M'INTOSH.

1882 . . . . . Benton
1883-84 . . . . . Corinth

ROBERT E. MATHIS.

1882 . . Grayville Ct.
1883-84 . . . . Equality

JAMES W. NALL.

1855 . . . New Haven
1856-57 . . . . Palestine
1858-59 . . . . Robinson
1860-61 Lawrenceville
1862-63 Mt. Carmel Ct.
1864 . . Grayville
1865 . . Walnut Hill
1866-67 Edwardsville Ct.
1868-69 . . Staunton
1870 Mulberry Grove
1871-73 . . . . . Clement
1874-75 . . . . . Avena
1876-78 . . . . . St. Elmo
1879 . . . . . Altamont
1880-81 Superannuated
1882-84 . . . Mason

CALLOWAY NASH.

1865 Edwardsville Ct.
1866-67 Brighton Ct.
1868-69 . Upper Alton
1870-71 . Edwardsville
1872-74 Centralia
1875 . . Transferred
1876-77 . Fairfield
1878-80 . Mt. Vernon
1881-84 Mt. Vernon Dist.

DANIEL OGLESBY.

1854 Harrisonville
1855-56 Mulberry Grove
1857 . . Walnut Hill
1858-59 Superannuated
1860-61 . . . Richview
1862 . . . . Sparta
1863-84 Superannuated

DANIEL ORR.

1883 . . . Okawville
1884 . . . . . Venice

BENJAMIN R. PIERCE.

1755-56 . . . . . Raleigh
1857-58 . . . Richview
1859 . . . . . Sparta
1860 . . . . . Tamaroa
1861-62 Shawneetown
1863-65 . . . . . Carmi
1866-67 . . . . Mt. Vernon
1868-71 Mt. Vernon Dist.
1872-73 . . . Mt. Carmel
1874-75 Carbondale Dist.
1876-77 Mt. Vernon Dist.
1878 . . . . . Flora
1879-82 . . . . Alton Dist.
1883-84 . . . . Centralia

JOHN W. PHILLIPS.

1859 . . . Du Quoin
1860-61 . . Jonesboro
1862 . . . . Desoto
1863 . . . . Tamaroa
1864-65 . . . Vandalia
1866-67 . . . Trenton
1868-70 . . . Litchfield
1871-72 . . . Jerseyville
1873-74 . . . . Olney
1875-76 . . Lebanon
1877-78 . . Salem
1879 . . . Alton
1880 82 . . . . Fidelity
1883-84 . . . . Alton Dist.

MILO. N. POWERS, B. D.

1860 . . . Robinson
1861 . . . Metropolis
1862-63 . . . . Jonesboro
1864-65 . . . . . Sparta
1866-67 . . . . . Nashville
1868-69 . . . Greenville
1870-71 . . . Effingham
1872 . . . . Transferred
1873-74 . . . . . Du Quoin
1875-76 . . . . . Ashley
1877-78 Supernumerary
1879-81 . . . . . Flora
1882-83 . . . . . Fairfield
1884 . . . . Olney Dist.

JOHN T. PENDER.

1880-81 . . . . Enfield
1882-84 . McLeansboro

REUBEN E. PIERCE, A. B.

1882 . . . . . Grafton
1883 . . . . . St. Elmo
1884 At Garrett Biblical Institute.

WM. H. PIERCE, A. B.

1883 ..... Farina
1884 At Garrett Biblical Institute.

CHAS. E. PARKER.

1884 ..... Belknap

ALBERT RANSOM.

1850 ...Edwardsville
1851 ..... Caledonia
1852 ..... Jonesboro
1853 ..... Waterloo
1854 ..... Marion
1855 ..... Rosiclare
1856-57 ..... Equality
1858-59 ..... Carmi
1860-61 ..... Grayville
1862-63 Chap. 87 Ill. Vol.
1864 . Spring Garden
1865-67 ..... Pocahontas
1868-69 ..... Shiloh
1870-71 ..... Salem
1872-73 ..... Kinmundy
1874 ..... St. Elmo
1875 76 ..... Altamont
1877 ..... Mason
1878-79 ..... Marion
1880-81 ...Bunker Hill
1882 ..... Miles
1883-84 .... Trenton

J. A. ROBINSON, D. D.

1849-50 ..... Mt. Vernon
1851 ..... Nashville
1852 .... Upper Alton
1853-54 ..... Alton
1855 ..... Brighton
1856-58 ..Equality Dist.
1859 .. Shawneetown
1860-63 Mt. Vernon Dist.
1864 ..... Alton
1865-66 ..... Belleville
1867-68 ..... Lebanon
1869-71 ..... Centralia
1872-75 ..... Olney Dist.
1876-77 .... Carbondale
1878-79 ..... Greenville
1880-82 ..Edwardsville
1883 ..... Litchfield
1884 ..... Shipman

RICHARD RANDLE.

1853 ...Middle Alton
1854 ..... Fillmore
1855 ..... Gillespie
1856 ..... Mascoutah
1857 ..... Salem Ct.
1858 Agent S. Ill. Female College.
1859-60 .New Middleton
1861 ..... Sandoval
1862-84 .Superannuated

J. B. RAVENSCROFT.

1867-68 .Pleasant Grove
1869-71 ..... Albion
1872-73 ..Mt. Vernon Ct.
1874-76 ..... Mt. Erie
1877-78 ..... Olney Ct.
1879 ..... Clay City
1880-81 ..... Albion
1882-84 ..... Flora

JOHN R. REEV.

1868 ..... Granville
1869-70 ..... Rockwood
1871 ....Tamaroa Ct.
1872 ..... Hoodville
1873 . Spring Garden
1874 ....Walnut Hill
1875 ..... Burnsides
1876-78 .....Harrisburg
1879-80 ..... Omaha
1881 ..Mt. Vernon Ct.
1882-83 ..... Tamaroa
1884 ..... Benton

JOSEPH P. RUTHERFORD

1857 ..... Louisville
1858 ..... Filmore
1859-60 ....Cumberland
1861 ...Murphysboro
1862 ....Johnsonville
1863-64 .... Fostersburg
1865 ..... Vienna
1866 .. Jeffersonville
1867 .. Hickory Hill
1868 ..Spring Garden
1869 ..... Liberty
1870 ....Bible Grove
1872-72 ..... Hebron
1873-75 ..... Obiong
1876 . Pleasant Grove
1877 ....Hagarstown
1878 ..... Grafton
1879 ..... Donnelson
1880 ....Hagarstown
1881 ..... Wisetown
1882-83 ...Hagarstown
1884 Mulberry Grove

JOHN D. REEDER.

1872 ....New Haven
1873 ..... Harisburg
1874-75 ..... Desoto
1876 Supernumerary
1877-78 ..... Louisville
1879-80 ..... Olney Ct.
1881-82 ..... Flat Rock
1883-84 ..... Mt. Erie

JAMES B. REYNOLDS.

1874-75 ..... Salem
1876-78 ..... Brighton
1879-82 ..Vandalia Dist.
1883-84 ..... Salem

EDMUND ROOT.

1876 ..... Liberty
1877-78 .....Middleton
1879 ..... Burnsides
1880-82 .....Belle City
1883 ..... Elco
1884 Elkville and Eva

WM. E. RAVENSCROFT.

1877-79 ..... Robinson
1880-81 ...McLeansboro
1882 ..... Corinth
1883 ..Mt. Vernon Ct.
1884 ..... Greenville

HIRAM SEARS, A. M.

1851 ..... Benton
1852 ..... Fairfield
1853 ...Edwardsville
1854-56 Agt M'K. College
1857 ...Middle Alton
1858-59 ....Brighton Ct.
1860-61 ..... Grafton
1862 Pres. S. Ill. Female College.
1863-64 ..... Mt. Carmel
1865 ..... Cairo
1866-68 ..... Vandalia

1869-72..Vandalia Dist.
1873-75....Carbondale
1876 Agt M'K. College
1877 ..Upper Alton
1878-80....Collinsville
1881-82..East St. Louis
1883-84 Superannuated

JOTHAM A. SCARRITT.

1851 ....Bunker Hill
1852 ...Middle Alton
1853-54....Walnut Hill
1855-56.....Lebanon
1857 Cairo & Md. City
1858-59 ..Edwardsville
1860 ...Bunker Hill
1861 ... Belleville
1862-65 ....Alton Dist.
1866-67.....Brighton
1868-80 Supernumerary
1881-83 ..... Cairo
1884 ..... Alton

ASA SNELL.

1855 .....Trenton
1856 ....Central City
1857-58.....Staunton
1859 ..... Gillespie
1860 ..... Ashley
1861-62.....Eagle Cliff
1863-64 ....Pocahontas
1865 ..... Ramsey
1866-67.....Staunton
1868-70Edwardsville Ct.
1871 .....Elsah
1872 .....Benton
1873-74.....Staunton
1875 .....Ramsey
1876 .....Avena
1877-78.....Patoka
1879-80.....Louisville
1881 .....Wakefield
1882 .....Donnelson
1883 .....Wanda
1884 .....Miles

GEO. W. SCAWTHON.

1867 .....Granville
1868 .....Fairview
1869 .....Newton
1870 ...Philipstown
1871 Supernumerary
1872 ....Philipstown
1873 .....Grayville
1874-76.....Enfield
1877-79.....Metropolis
1880-81.....Marion
1882-83.....Du Quoin
1884 ...Murphysboro

CHARLES W. SABINE.

1868-69....Philipstown
1870 .....Equality
1871-72....Fairfield Ct.
1873 .....Louisville
1874-75.....Olney Ct.
1876-77..... Sumner
1878-79.....Albion
1880-81....Bridgeport
1882-83.....Alton
1884 .....Collinsville

WM. H. SCOTT.

1874 ....Woodlawn
1875-76..... Troy
1877-79...Edwardsville
1880-81..... Salem
1882 ..... Sparta
1883-84 Chap. U. S. A.

NELSON STAUFFER.

1875 .....Bellair
1876 .....Sumner
1877 ....Wakefield
1878-79.....Oblong
1880 ....Wakefield
1881-82 Jeffersonville
1883 .....Belmont
1884 ...Clay City

GEO. A. SEED.

1877 .....Sumner
1878-79 Pleasant Ridge
1880 .....Sumner
1881 .....Louisville
1882-83.....Oblong
1884 .....Belmont

CALEB J. T. TOLLE.

1851 .....Salem
1852 .....Carlyle
1853-54....Bunker Hill
1855-56.... Staunton
1857 .....Collinsville
1858-59 ..... Grafton
1860 ....Nashville Ct.
1861 .....Carlyle
1862 .....Pocahontas
1863-64.....Staunton
1865 ..... Gillespie
1866-69 Supernumerary
1870-71..... Patoka
1872-73.....St. Elmo
1874-75 ....Big Prairie
1876 Jeffersonville
1877-78 ....Wisetown
1879 ....Greencastle
1880 New Douglas
1881 .....Troy
1882-84 Superannuated

FRED. L. THOMSON.

1866 ....Mound City
1867 .....Jonesboro
1868 69 . Shawneetown
1870-72 ..... Cairo
1873 75 .. Jerseyville
1876-78.....Alton
1879 .....Salem
1880-82ChapS.Ill.Pent'y
1883 ....Greenville
1884 .....Nashville

JAMES A. THRAPP.

1856 .....Fairview
1857 ..... Granville
1858-59 .....Prairieton
1860 ..... Palestine
1861-62 ...Georgetown
1863 .....Fairfield
1864 Xenia and Louisville
1865 .....Mason
1866 Supernumerary
1867 .....Fairview
1868 .....Wesley
1869-70..... Sumner
1871-72 Mt. Carmel Ct.
1873 ..... Enfield
1874 ..... Tamaroa
1875 .....Freeburg
1876-77 .....Clement
1878-79 ....Pocahontas
1880 .....Chester
1881 .....Altamont
1882-83.....Patoka
1884 Supernumerary

WM. TILROE.

1867 .. Reynoldsburg
1868-69 .... Fairfield Ct.
1870-72 ..... Grayville
1873-74 ..... Carmi
1875-77 ..... Albion
1878-79 ..... Sumner
1880 ..... Mt. Erie
1881 ..... Newton Ct.
1882-83 ..... Calhoun
1884 ..... Newton Ct.

WM. H. TYNER, A. M.

1869 .. Mt. Carmel Ct.
1870-71 ..... Newton
1872-73 .... Pocahontas
1874 ..... Sparta
1875 ..... Opdyke
1876 ..... Ashley
1877 Supernumerary
1878 .... Bunker Hill
1879 ..... Chester
1880-82 .. Pinckneyville
1883 .... Bunker Hill
1884 Supernumerary

JESSE B. THOMPSON.

1873-74 .. Elizabethtown
1875-77 . Shawneetown
1878-79 .. McLeansboro
1880-82 ..... Centralia
1883-84 ..... Vandalia

L. W. THRALL, A. M.

1872 ..... Liberty
1873 ..... Freeburg
1874-75 .. Pinckneyville
1876 .... Transferred
1879-81 ..... Ashley
1882-83 ..... Grayville
1884 ..... Metropolis

E. TREADGOLD.

1875-76 .... Mound City
1877 ..... Donnelson
1878 ..... Desoto
1879-84 Supernumerary

WM. E. TILROE.

1883-84 Wakefield

WM. VAN CLEVE.

1864-65 ..... Chester
1866 ..... Ashley
1867-68 ..... Marion
1869-70 Spring Garden
1871 .. Mt. Vernon Ct.
1872-73 ..... Salem Ct.
1874 ..... Clement
1875 ..... Shiloh
1876-78 ..... Trenton
1879 Mulberry Grove
1880-81 .... Staunton
1882 .... Bunker Hill
1883-84 Mt. Carmel Dist.

FRANCIS M. VAN TREESE.

1867 .... Metropolis
1868 ..... Vienna
1869 ..... Cairo
1870-71 .... Mound City
1872-73 .... Greenville
1874-76 .... Collinsville
1877-79 ..... Belleville
1880-82 ..... Vandalia
1883-84 .... Jerseyville

J. W. VAN CLEVE, B. S.

1874 Equal ty and Shawneetown.
1875-76 Jonesboro and Anna
1877-78 ..... Ashley
1879 ..... Jerseyville
1880 ..... Greenville
1881-82 ..... Olney
1883-84 .... Gillespie

JOSEPH VAN CLEVE, A. M.

1880 ..... Flat Rock
1881 ..... Sumner
1882-83 .... Bridgeport
1884 ..... Grayville

JOHN L. VALLOW.

1882 ..... Farina
1883 ..... Iuka
1884 ..... Irvington

A. W. VAN HOUTON.

1882-83 ..... Shobonier
1884 ..... Xenia

JAMES B. WOOLARD.

1853 Agt. M'K College
1854 ..... Trenton
1855-56 ..... Shiloh
1857 ..... Filmore
1858-59 .... Salem Ct.
1860-61 New Middleton
1862-64 Chap. 111 Ill. Vol.
1865-84 Superannuated

GEO. W. WAGGONER.

1851 ..... Waterloo
1852 ..... Sparta
1853-54 ..... Staunton
1855-56 Jerseyville Ct.
1857-58 ... Bunker Hill
1859-60 ..... Shipman
1861 ..... Collinsville
1862-63 ..... Salem Ct.
1864-66 .... Greenville
1867-68 ..... Carlyle
1869-70 ... Brighton Ct.
1871 ..... Kane
1872-73 .... Otterville
1874 Supernumerary
1875-76 ... Bunker Hill
1877-79 ..... Shipman
1880-82 ..... Anna
1883 ... Murphysboro
1884 .... Upper Alton

SAMUEL WALKER.

1857 .. Mt. Vernon Ct.
1858-59 ..... Fairfield
1860-61 ..... Xenia
1862 ... Murphysboro
1863 ..... Located
1864 ..... Sandoval
1865-66 ..... Kane
1867-68 ..... Elsah
1869-70 ..... Gillespie
1871-72 ..... Staunton
1873 ..... Troy
1874-75 ..... Trenton
1876-77 ..... Shiloh
1878-79 ..... Clement
1880 Mulberry Grove
1881 ..... Freeburg
1882-83 .... Wisetown
1884 .... Clement

LEVI S. WALKER.

1857 . . . Pinckneyville
1858-59 . . . . . Vienna
1860 . . . . . Greenville
1861 . . Mt. Vernon Ct.
1862 64 Chap. 60 Ill. Vol.
1865 . . . . . Located
1867 68 . . . . . Tamaroa
1869-70 . . . . Nashville Ct.
1871-72 . . . . . Chester
1873-74 . . . . . Irvington
1875-77 Supernumerary
1878-80 Chap. S. Ill. Pent'y
1881-84 Supernumerary

WM. WALLIS, A. M.

1865 . . . . Mascoutah
1866 Prof. S. Ill. Female College
1867-68 . . East St. Louis
1869-70 . . . . . Collinsville
1871-73 . . . . . Brighton
1874 . . . Edwardsville
1875 Fidelity & Piasa
1876 77 . . . . . Effingham
1878-79 . . . . . Centralia
1880 . . . . . Olney
1881-82 . . . . . Carlyle
1883-84 . . . . . Ashley

JAMES L. WALLAR.

1866 . . . . Georgetown
1867-68 . . . . . Newton
1869-70 . . . . . Robinson
1871 . . . . . Sumner
1872 . . . . . Carmi
1873-74 . . . . . Cairo
1875-77 . . . . Mt. Carmel
1878 . . . . . Fairfield
1879-82 Mt. Carmel Dist.
1883-84 . . . . . Effingham

JOHN WEEDEN, A. M.

1866 . . . . . Mascoutah
1867 . . Shawneetown
1868-69 . . Elizabethtown
1870 . . . . Friendsville
1871-72 . . . . . Olney Ct.
1873 . . . . Friendsville
1874 . . . . . Grayville
1875 . . . . . Venice
1876 . . . Litchfield Ct.
1877 . . . . . Waterloo
1878 . . . . . Belmont
1879-80 . . . . . Hebron
1881-82 . . . . . Newton
1883 84 Miss. West. Neb.

GEO. M. WHITSEL.

1872 . . . Effingham Ct.
1873 . . . . . Donnelson
1874 . . . . . Shobonier
1875 . . . . . Salem Ct.
1876 . . . . . Watson
1877 Supernumerary
1878-79 . . . . . Waterloo
1880 . . . . . Wisetown
1881 . . . . Pocahontas
1882 No appointment
1883-84 Supernumerary

CHARLES P. WILSON.

1875-76 . . . . . Shipman
1877-78 . . . . . Grayville
1879 80 . . . . . Carmi
1881-83 . . . . Metropolis
1884 . . . . Bunker Hill

GEO. W. WILSON.

1875-76 . . . . . Ullin
1877 . . . . . Benton
1878-79 . . . . . Tamaroa
1880-81 . . . . . Donnelson
1882 . . . Litchfield Ct.
1883-84 Supernumerary

LAFAYETTE C. WILKIN.

1884 . . . . . Rose Hill

FLETCHER L. WEST.

1884 . . . . . Farina

JOHN P. YUNGLING.

1871 . . . . Friendsville
1872 . . . . Bible Grove
1873 . . . . Johnsonville
1874 . . . . . Freeburg
1875-76 . . . . . Beaucoup
1877 . . . . . Freeburg
1878 . . Mt. Vernon Ct.
1879-80 . . Jeffersonville
1881-82 . . . . . Mt. Erie
1883-84 . . . . . Lancaster

MEMBERS * AND * PROBATIONERS

Of the SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE Since 1852.

Names of original members and probationers are in italic.

NAMES.	Admitted on Trial.		Probation Ended.		Transferred to S. Ill. Conf.		REMARKS.
	Year.	Conf.	Year.	Manner.	Year.	From what Conf.	
Norman Allyn	1835	Ill.	1837	Full con.	1852	Ill.	Died 1864.
Chas. Atkinson	1837	"	1839	"	1852	"	Transferred Ill. conference 1854
John Anderson		Balt.		"	1852	"	Trans. Baltimore Conf. 1853
Robert Allyn	1842	N. E	1844	"	1863	Cin	Effective.
Henry Allyn.	1851	S. Ill	1853	"	1852	Ill.	Died 1855.
R. G. Ayres	1858	"	1860	"			Died 1862.
John E. Ayres	1858	"	1859	Discontin'd.			
J. R. Abernathy	1859	Ind	1861	Full con.	1864	Ken.	Located 1867
I. S. Armstrong	1869	S. Ill	1871	"			On trial 1853, discon. 1854, died 1874
T. E. Andrews.	1852	"	1853	Discontin'd.			
John Borland	1848	Ill.	1850	Full con			Trans. Rock River 1852
Geo Boeshenz.	1848	"	1850	"	1857	Ill.	Trans. S. W. Ger. 1864
H. C. Blackwell	1851	"	1853	"			Trans. Rock River conf. 1857
Carlisle Babbitt	1831	Ken.	1832	"			Located 1855, readm't 1857, died 1864
Theoph. L. Bayly	1854	S. Ill	1856	Discontin'd.			
Alfred Bliss	1854	"	1856	Full con			Superannuated 1881
Sam. T. Ballard	1856	"	1857	Discontin'd.			
Thos. M. Boyle.	1856	"	1858	Full con			Withdrew 1861
Justus Baab	1857	"	1859	"			Trans S. W. Ger. 1864
Joseph Byram	1857	"					Died 1858
Conrad Bott	1855	"	1857	Discontin'd.			
Christoff Bonn	1851	Ill.	1853	Full con.	1857	Ger	Trans. Ill. conf. 1857
W. W. Bridwell	1859	S. Ill	1861	"			Located 1866
Wm. B. Bruner	1855	S.E Ind	1857	"			Located 1857, readmit'd 1857, supr.
Othniel Bruner.	1848	Ind	1850	"			Readmit'd 1860, tran. Kan. con. 1871
Wm. Butt	1843	"	1845	"	1860	Kan.	Trans. Kan. conf. 1864
J. S. Barnes.	1849	"	1851	"			Readmit'd 1866, trans S. E. Ind. 1875
John H. Brune	1859	S. Ill	1861	"			Trans. S. W. Ger. 1864
G. W. Brannine	1865	"	1867	"			Located 1878
F. O. Blair	1857	Wis.	1866	"			Effective
C. W. Bonner	1865	S. Ill	1867	"			
Geo. Bundy.	1865	"	1866	Discontin'd.			
Isaac Bundy	1866	"	1868	"			
D. C. Brannon	1866	"	1868	Full con			Located 1870
Geo. W. Butler	1866	"	1868	"			Supernumerary 1883
D. W. Blotchley	1867	"	1868	Discontin'd.			
Wm. A. Browder	1867	"	1869	Full con			Located 1881
M A. Bryson	1863	Cin	1865	"	1866	Cin.	Located 1867
Jon. J. Boyer	1868	S. Ill	1870	"			Effective
J. C. Baldridge	1868	"	1870	"			Located 1877, readm. 1879, locat. 1880
Jas A. Baird	1869	"	1871	"			Trans. Minn. conf. 1882
Elisha Baugh.	1869	"	1871	"			Located 1873
Chas. W. Bottorf	1872	"	1874	"			Trans S. Kan. 1881
S. B. Bascom	1872	"	1874	"			Located 1876
John D. Bell		Erie.		"			Readmitted 1871, withdrew 1872
Allen Bartley	1873	S. Ill	1875	"			Effective
Wm. F. Brown.	1874	"	1876	"			Trans W. Iowa 1882
Naaman Bascom	1876	"	1878	"			Effective
Perry C. Bascom.	1877	"	1879	"			Trans Newark 1884
Henry A Barton.	1878	"	1880	"			Located 1880

Jas. H. Bennett	1881	S. Ill	1884	Full con				Effective
Strange Brooks	1848	Iowa	1850	"	1871	Iowa		Trans. Kan. conf. 1881
Wm. R Bradley	1882	S. Ill	1884	"				Effective
John W. Baine	1872	N. Ala	1874	"				From M. E. Church South, 1883
Jos. W. Britton	1883	S. Ill						
Edmund Barnes	1871	Ken	187	Full con				Readmitted 1884; effective
Thos. W Chandler	1827	"	182	"				Located 1850, readm. 1856, died 1861
Wm. Cliffe	1843	Ill	184	"	1852	Ill		Died 1866
J. B. Corrington	1838	"	184	"	1852	"		Located 1842, readm. 1847, died 1880
Zelotes S. Clifford	1843	Ind	1846	"	1860	Ind		Died 1873
John W. Caldwell	1849	Ill	1851	"	1852	Ill		Effective
Abrah. Campbell	1850	"	1853	"				Located 1864, readm. 1868, died 1879
Slocum H Culver	1851	"	1852	Discontin'd				
A. W. Cummings	1837	River	1839	Full con	1852	Ill		Withdrew 1852
Geo. W. Cullom	1853	S. Ill	1855	"				Superannuated 1867
N. E. Cobleigh	1844	N. Eng	1846	"	1853	Wis		Trans. 1854, returned 1858, trans N. Eng. conf 1864
Lafayette Casey	1854	S. Ill	1857	Full con				Effective
Wm. G. Cox	1855	"	1858	"				Located 1859
Molten Carter	1855	"	1856	Discontinu'd				
W. A Chambers	1856	"	1858	"				
Geo. W. Compton	1857	"	1859	Full con				Located 1866
John Calnan	1858	"	1860	"				Died 1861
Henry Chapman	1846	N Ohio	1848	"				Readmitted 1858, expelled 1862
G. W. Coleman	1859	S. Ill	1861	Discontin'd.				
Owen H. Clark	1859	"	1861	Full con				Effective
W. H. Corrington	1861	"	1863	"				Died 1872
John D. Crum		Ind			1861	Ind		Trans. Cal. 1875
Draper Chipman	1839	"	1841	"	1863	"		Located 1869
James Copeland	1867	S. Ill	1869	"				Died 1873
Cullen E. Cline	1868	"	1870	"				Trans Minn. 1881, returned 1882; trans N W Iowa 1883
David Caughlin	1869	"	1871	"				Effective
James W. Cecil	1869	"	1871	"				Withdrew 1876
T. S. Campbell	1871	"	1872	Discontin'd.				
R. M. Carter	1871	"	1873	Full con				Effective
C. E. Creighton	1872	"	1873	Discontin'd				
L. F. Cullom	1873	"	1874	Full con				Trans. Cent. Ill. 1881
W. M. Chapman	1874	"	1875	Discontin'd				
N. B. Cooksey	1875	"	1877	Full con				Effective
J. L. Cunningham	1876	"	1879	"				"
Lafayette Crow	1878	"	1881	"				"
Lemuel Cramp	1879	"	1881	"				"
Nathaniel Crow	1879	"	1881	"				"
Silas P. Chapin	1882	"	1884	"				"
Luther E. Cole	1881	"	1883	"				"
J. D. Crenshaw	1874	Ken	1876					Readmitted 1884; effective
Wm. L. Deneen	1828	Ill	1830	Full con	1852	Ill		Died 1879
James H. Dickens	1838	"	1840	"	1852	"		Trans Ill 1852
A. L. Downey	1852	Mo	1854	"				Readmitted 1871; superannuated
Jesse P. Davis	1857	S. Ill	1859	"				Withdrew 1874
Wm. F. Davis	1858	"	1860	"				Effective
Jamas P. Dew	1859	Ind	1861	"				Read. 1864, trans. Col. 1873, ret. 1875, trans. St. L. 1875, ret. 1879; supern'y
Levin B. Dennis	1842	Iowa	1844	"	1870	Iowa		Trans. Cent. Ill. 1873
Thomas J. Davis	1867	S. Ill	1869	"				Effective.
Ira E. Driver	1867	"	1869	Discontin'd				
Wm. C. Dickson	1867	"	1869	Full con				Died 1878
Henry Delicate	1870	"	1872	"				Died 1882
F. W. Downs	1878	"	1880	"				Effective
Hiram A. Doty	1878	"	1880	"				"
James G. Dee	1879	"	1881	"				"
Jeremiah Estep	1849	Ill	1851	"	1852	Ill		Trans. Ill. 1856
Thomas A. Eaton	1850	"	1852	"	1852	"		Effective
Levi C. English	1851	"	1855	"	1852	"		"
Joseph Earp	1854	S Ill	1856	"				"
W. V. Eldridge	1859	"	1861	"				Withdrew 1866
David Elam	1865	"	1867	"				Superannuated 1881
B. A. P. Eaton	1870	"	1872	"				Trans Col. 1876
Volney C. Evers	1871	"	1873	"				Effective
W. W. Edwards	1883	"						
John Frazer	1831	N Y	1833	Full con	1866	Ohio		Died 1871
Wm. Fiegenbaum	1847	Ill	1849	"	1857	Ill		Trans. U. Iowa 1857
Jacob Feisal	1849	"	1851	"	1857	"		Trans Ill. 1857
Wm. Floret	1859	S. Ill	1861	"				Trans. S W. Ger. 1864
Geo. Fergnson	1859	"	1860	Discontin'd				
James C. Finley	1837	Miss	1839	Full con	1864	Ill		Trans Ill. 1871
Geo. W. Farmer	1869	S Ill	1871	"				On trial 1866, discon 1867, died 1884

Geo. D. Furber	1866	S. Ill	1867	Discontin'd.	....	....	....	
Rolla Z. Fahs	1868	"	1870	Full con	....	....	.....	Effective
A. C. Flesher	1867	"	1869	"	....	....	.....	Expelled 1877
Chas H. Farr	1870	"	1872	"	....	....	.....	Expelled 1876
John W. Field	1869	.....	1871	"	....	....	.....	Fron Meth. Prot. church, 1872
John W. Flint	1875	S. Ill	1877	"	....	....	.....	Effective
J. W Franklin	1873	Ky.	1875	"	....	....	.....	Readmitted 1882; effective
John Gillham	1837	Ill	1839	"	1852	Ill	...	Superannuated 1877
John Glaze	1852	S. Ill	1854	"	....	....	.....	Died 1863
Jos. W. Gates	1854	"	1855	Dicosntin'd.	....	....	.....	
H. Granneman	1854	Mo	1856	Full con	1857	Ill	...	Located 1862
John D. Gillham	1856	S. Ill	1858	"	....	....	.....	Effective
Wm J Grant	1858	"	1860	"	....	....	.....	Trans. W. Texas 1876
Henry Glaze	1859	"	1861	"	....	....	.....	Located 1864
Simon P. Groves	1859	"	1862	"	....	....	.....	Effective
Calvin Gibbs	1864	"	1866	"	....	....	.....	Trans. Detroit 1873
Jesse C. Green	1665	"	1867	"	....	....	.....	Withdrew 1878
Edmund V. Glass	1866	"	1867	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
Geo W Grabe	1869	"	1871	Full con	....	....	.....	Trans N. W. Kansas 1883
Robt M. Gwinn	1869	"	1871	"	1881	Erie	.	Trans. Rocky Mt. 1872; effective
Josiah Gibson	1843	Pitts	1845	"	1870	Iowa	.	Sup'y 1880. superannuated 1882
A L. Greenlaw	1871	S. Ill	1873	"	....	....	.....	Withdrew 1879
John M Green	1871	"	1873	"	1871	Ill	..	Withdrew 1876
L. M Greenlaw	1872	"	1873	.....	....	....	.....	Died 1873
Elias M. Glasgow	1878	"	1880	Full con	....	....	.....	Supernumerary 1881
John H. Garrett		Ken		"	....	....	.....	From M E Ch. S. 1872, withdrew 1878
Silas Green	1860	"	1862	"	1882	Ken	.	Effective
C. M Holliday	1823	"	1825	"	1852	Ill	..	Died 1881
C. J Houts	1836	Ill	1838	"	1856	Mo	..	Died 1881
John H. Hilt	1847	"	1849	"	1852	Ill	..	Superannuated 1880
James M. Haley	1848	"	1850	"	1852	"		Died 1855
James Hadley	1833	"	1835	"	1852	"		Located 1857
R H Harrison	1845	Iowa	1847	"	1852	"		Expelled 1854
Nelson Hawley	1852	S. Ill	1854	"	....	....	.....	Died 1876
J. H Holloway	1851	Ill	1853	"	1852	Ill	.	Trans. Ill 1869
John Hunterson	1853	S. Ill	1854	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
John Hopkins	1853	"	1855	"	....	....	.....	
John G Hardy	1853	"	1855	Full con	....	....	.....	Expelled 1859
Geo W. Hughey	1853	"	1855	"	....	....	.....	Trans. St. Louis 1879
John Holt	1853	"	1855	"	....	....	.....	Died 1866
Wm C. Huggins	1854	"	1857	"	....	....	.....	Died 1865
Thos. F Houts	1856	"	1858	"	1878	D'Mo's		Trans. Kansas 1868
Micajah House	1857	"	1859	"	....	....	.....	Effective
Thos Heier	1851	Ill	1853	"	1857	Ill	...	Located 1858
H. Hankemeyer	1857	S. Ill	1858	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
C. Hoech	1850	Ill	1852	Full con	1857	Ill	..	Located 1860
John Hansam	1851	"	1853	"	1858	"		Located 1860
R. Havighorst	1849	"	1852	"	1857	"		Trans. S. W. Ger. 1864
David Holmes		N. Y.		"	1855	N. Y.		Trans. N. W. Ind. 1860
Lewis A Harper	1858	S. Ill	1860	"	....	....	.....	Effective
Lucius Hawkins	1858	"	1860	"	....	....	.....	Trans. Rock River 1861
G W Hardacre	1859	"	1860	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
Jos T. Hough	1860	"	1862	Full con	....	....	.....	Expelled 1869
Joseph Harris	1862	"	1864	"	....	....	.....	Effective
P P Hamilton	1863	"	1865	"	....	....	.....	Died 1869
Albert R Hazen	1863	"	1865	"	....	....	.....	Trans. Detroit 1869
Robt M Hacker	1866	"	1867	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
Edwin A. Hoyt	1867	"	1869	Full con	....	....	.....	Effective
W. S Hennessee	1867	"	1869	"	....	....	.....	Located 1873
T H Herdman	1864	Cin	1867	"	1865	Cin	..	Effective
N. E Harmon	1869	S. Ill	1871	"	....	....	.....	Tr. N. Iowa 1882, ret. 1883; supern'y
G W. Harrison	1871	"	1873	"	....	....	.....	Trans. S. Kan. 1873
James Hobbs	1872	"	1874	"	....	....	.....	Effective
C. B. Holding	1873	"	1875	"	....	....	.....	Trans. Michigan 1878
S. J Harrington	1873	"	1875	"	....	....	.....	Died 1880
J B. F. Hill		Ala		"	1870	Ala	..	Located 1873
E. J Hamill	1842	"	1844	"	1874	"		Trans. Ill. 1875
J A Hampton	1874	S. Ill	1876	"	....	....	.....	Effective
P L Hooker	1866	Ken	1868	"	1876	Ken	..	Effective
A L Howren	1876	S. Ill	1878	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
R. P. Hammons	1880	"	1880	Full con	....	....	.....	Effective
W R Hammons	1882	"	1883	Discontin'd.	....	....	.....	
John F Harmon	1882	"	1884	Full con	....	....	.....	Effective
J D Hennessee	1883	"		.....	....	....	.....	
W G Hall	1883	"		.....	....	....	.....	
Jabez B House	1883	"		.....	....	....	.....	
Benj A Hoar	1883	"		.....	....	....	.....	
J T. Huffman	1884	"		.....	....	....	.....	

Josiah G. Harmon	1884	S. Ill						
Thos. W. Jones	1845	Ill.	1847	Full con	1852	Ill		Expelled 1862
Ephraim Joy	1842	"	1844	"	1852	"		Supernumerary 1880
Jas. Johnson	1848	"	1851	"	1852	"		Died 1881
John T. Johnson	1826	"	1828	"	1852	"		Located 1862, read. 1871, died 1883
John W. Johnson	1851	"	1853	"	1852	"		Located 1854
Chas. F. Jay	1849	"	1851	"	1852	"		Located 1857, readmit. 1872, died 1878
Geo G. Jones	1856	S. Ill	1857	Discontin'd.				
Geo. W. Jenks	1856	"	1858	Full con				Located 1863
Thos. N. Johnson	1857	"	1859	"				Supernumerary 1877, superan. 1879
R. Jessop			"		1857	N.Y. E.		Withdrew 1859
Oliver V. Jones	1863	S. Ill	1866	"				Supernumerary 1879
John H. Jones	1882	"	1884	"				Effective
J. W. Jackson	1882	"	1884	"				"
A. J. Kalb	1849	Ill	1851	"	1852	Ill		Located 1852
John Keek	1847	"	1849	"	1857	"		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
H. F. Koeneke	1847	"	1849	"	1857	"		" " "
Louis Kunz	1847	"	1849	"	1858	Up. Ia.		Expelled 1860
W. Kleinschmidt	1851	"	1853	"	1857	Ill		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
James Knapp	1852	S. Ill	1854	"				Trans. Illinois 1857
Orson Kellogg	1852	"	1854	"				Located 1857
J. D. Kendall	1853	"	1855	"				Died 1857
Henry Kriege	1854	Ill.	1856	"	1857	Ill		Transferred 1861
Wm. Koeneke	1857	S. Ill	1859	"				Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
Geo. C. Kimber	1857	"	1859	Discontin'd.				
John Koelle	1859	"	1861	Full con				Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
Chas. Koeneke	1842	Mo	1844	"	1857	Ill		Expelled 1861
Philip Kuhl	1845	Ill.	1847	"	1860	"		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
J. G. Kost	1850	"	1852	"	1860	"		" " "
Marcus L. King	1841	Ken	1843	"				Readmited 1871; effective
C. H. Kirkbride				"				Readmitted 1880; supernumerary
Harvey H. Keith	1855	Ind	1857	"				Readmitted 1883; effective
Thos. C. Lopas	1837	Ill	1839	"	1852	Ill		Located 1841, readmit. 1843, died 1882
James Leaton	1843	"	1845	"	1852	"		Located 1857
John W. Locke.	1843	Ohio	1845	"	1874	S.E.Ind		Effective
Erastus Lathrop	1844	Ind	1846	"	1866	Ken		Superannuated 1882
Cavey Lambert	1851	Ill	1854	"	1852	Ill		Died 1873
John W. Lowe	1852	S. Ill	1854	"				Effective
V. D. Lingenfelter	1854	"	1857	"				"
C. D. Lingenfelter	1854	"	1856	"				"
A. Loebenstein	1853	Ill	1855	"	1857	Ill		Trans Cin. 1869
H. Lahrman	1848	"	1850	"	1858	Mo		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
R. W. Laughlin	1855	S. Ill	1857	"				Supernumerary 1884
John Leeper	1856	"	1858	"				Effective
J. H. Lockwood	1858	"	1860	"				Trans. Kansas 1873
John W. Lane	1859	"	1861	"				Expelled 1880
Gideon Libby	1867	"						Trans. Rock River 1868
John Laird	1875	"	1877	Full con				Effective
Nathan H. Lee	1879	"	1881	"				"
Frank W. Loy	1880	"	1882	"				
C. B. Larrabee	1881	"	1883	"				Trans. S. E. Ind. 1884
D. J. Little	1881	"	1884	"				Effective
J. A. Leatherman	1883	"						
James M. Massey	1831	Ill	1833	Full con	1852	Ill		Died 1859
W. G. Moore	1847	"	1849	"	1852	"		Withdrew 1861
W. W. Mitchell	1834	"	1836	"	1852	"		Died 1869
Solomon McCall	1848	"	1852	"	1852	"		Trans. Illinois 1852
Russell Z. Mason	1848	"	1850	"	1852	"		Trans. Wisconsin 1854
S. Mattison	1835	Troy	1837	"	1852	"		Trans. Rock River 1853
John W. Miller	1851	Ill	1853	"				Trans W. Wisconsin 1850
Saml. McGinniss	1851	"	1853	Discontin'd.				
Eli Montgomery	1852	S. Ill	1853	"				
Chas. A. McCord	1853	"	1855	Full con				Died 1861
A. B. Morrison	1853	"	1855	"				Trans. Iowa 1870, ret. 1872; supern'y
R. H. Manier	1854	"	1856	"				Located 1862, readmit. 1875; effective
E. C. Merrick	1849	Ohio	1851	"	1851	Ohio		Trans. Cincinnati 1855
Thos. H. Mudge	1840	N. E	1842	"	1857	N E		Trans. Missouri 1859
Henry Manifold	1855	S. Ill	1857	"				Located 1864, readmit. 1866; effective
R. H. Massey	1856	"	1858	"				Effective
W. H. Maxey	1856	"	1858	"				Died 1859
J. S. Moore	1857	"	185	"				Expelled 1869
J. S. Morrison	1857	"	185	"				Died 1871
L. H. Morey	1857	"	185	"				Expelled 1863
Anderson Myers	1857	"	1860	"				Located 1866
Jacob Miller	1849	Ill	1851	"	1857	Ill		Located 1861, readmitted 1863, trans. S. W. Ger. 1864
A. W. Mace	1858	S. Ill	1859	Discontin'd.				
Wm. Meyer	1858	"	1860	Full con				Trans. S. W. German 1864

Jacob Merkel	1859	S. Ill	1861	Full con				Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
A P. Morrison	1863	"	1865	"				Trans. Iowa 1868, returned 1874, trans Michigan 1878
Ranna S. Moore	1866	"	1869	Full con				Located 1872
Congdon Millard	1864	C. Ger	1867	Discontin'd.	1864	C. Ger		
Wm. McMorrow	1867	S. Ill	1869	Full con				Effective
Wm D. Mabry	1870	"	1872	"				Trans Upper Iowa 1878
S T. Maxey	1870	"	1872	"				Located 1880
Charles Mapes		Ind		"				Readmitted 1867, located 1870
Eugene May	1872	S. Ill	1874	"				Trans Upper Iowa 1883
David Moore	1874	"	1876	"				Effective
Thos. J Massey	1876	"	1878	"				Effective
J. H. McGriff	1867	Holst	1869	"	1877	Holst		"
W. H. Mulvaney	1880	S. Ill	1882	"				"
Wm. T. Morris	1881	"	1883	"				"
Jas. W. Morris	1881	"	1883	"				"
Robt. E Mathis	1882	"	1884	"				"
J W. McIntosh	1882	S. Ill	1884					"
Richard J. Nall	1839	Ill.	1841	Full con	1852	Ill		Died 1864
Alfred Nisbet	1841	Ind	1843	"				Located 1855, readmit. 1856, died 1883
Jas W. Nall	1855	S. Ill	1857	"				Effective
Horatio Nelson	1858	"	1860	"				Located 1878
Calloway Nash	1865	"	1867	"				Trans Tenn. 1875, ret. 1876; effective
Milton H Nichols		Tenn.		"	1873	Ark		Trans. India 1876
James Oakey	1852	S Ill	1853	Discontin'd.				
W. M. Owen	1853	"	1855	Full con				Located 1885, read. 1871, located 1878
Daniel Oglesby	1854	"	1856	"				Superannuated 1863
Thos. J Oliver	1858	"	1859	Discontin'd.				
Daniel Orr	1883	"						
Zelah R. Piercy	1851	Ill.	1853	Full con	1852	Ill		Located 1857
Benj R. Pierce	1855	S. Ill	1857	"				Effective
H. Pfaff	1856	Ill.	1858	"	1857	Ill		Trans. Southwest German 1864
J. D Pettijohn	1847	N. Ind	1849	"				Readmitted 1857, withdrew 1859
J. W. Phillips	1859	S Ill	1861	"				Effective
Richard H Peter	1859	"	1861	"				Located 1868
Milo N Powers	1860	"	1862	"				Trans. Kansas 1872, ret. 1873; effective
Godfrey Phillips	1860	"	1862	"				Located 1865
D W Phillips	1868	"	1870	"				Trans S. W. Kansas 1883
I. D. Peterson	1871	"	1873	"				Trans. W. Texas 1875
Jos. S. Powell		Ga		"	1871	Ala		Died 1873
Abram F Peeler	1873	S. Ill	1875	Discontin'd.				
Robert Penee	1878	"	1879	"				
R. E. Pierce	1882	"	1884	Full con				Effective
W. H. Pierce	1883	"						
J. T. Pender	1873	Ken.	1875	Full con	1880	Ken		Effective
Chas. E Parker	1884	S Ill.						
G. W. Robbins	1821	Ken	1823	Full con	1853	Mo		Died 1880
Asahel L Risley	1827	Ind	1829	"	1852	R. Riv.		Died 1874
J. I. Richardson	1837	Ill	1839	"	1852	Ill		Died 1872
Vincent Ridgely	1848	"	1850	"	1852	"		Trans. Ill. 1854
J A. Robinson	1849	"	1851	"	1852	"		Effective
Albert Ransom	1850	"	1852	"	1852	"		"
A. F. Rogers	1835	"	1837	"	1852	"		Located 1870
Geo. Rutledge	1835	"	1837	"	1852	"		Trans. Ill. 1852
Jacob E. Reed	1839	"	1841	"	1852	"		Located 1857
Richard Randle	1853	S Ill	1855	"				Superannuated 1862
Joshua Ratcliffe	1854	"	1856	"				Located 1857
J. P. Rutherford	1857	"	1859	"				Effective
John Ritter	1857	"	1859	"				Trans. S. W. German 1864
E. B. Russell		W Wis		"	1859	W. Wis		Located 1860
Thos. N Ralston		Ken.		"	1860	Ill		Trans. S. E. Ind. 1861
Chas. Rodenburg	1862	S. Ill		"				Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
John A. Reitz	1863	"		"				" " "
Wm. Reddick	1866	"	1867	Discontin'd.				
J. B Ravenscroft	1867	"	1869	Full con				Effective
John R Reef	1868	"	1870	"				Effective
Wm H Reed	1864	Cin	1866	"	1869	Cin		Trans. Illinois 1871
John D Reeder	1872	S Ill	1874	"				Effective
J. E Rippetoe	1872	"	1874	"				Trans. Neb. 1883
A B. Rohrbaugh	1858	W Va	1860	"	1873	W. Va		Trans W. Va. 1884
J B. Reynolds	1856	Ill	1858	"	1874	W. Wis		Effective
Thos. Randle	1822	Mo	1824	"				Readmitted 1867, died 1874
Edmund Root	1876	S Ill	1878	"				Admit. on trial 1869, discont'd 1870
Chas S Royse	1876	"	1878	Discontin'd.				" 1882, " 1883
W E. Ravenscroft	1857	Ind	1859	Full con				Readmited 1877
J M Romine	1874	Ill	1877	"	1874	Ill		Trans. Kan. 1879
Olin B. Rippetoe	1877	S Ill	1879	"				Located 1879
John Shepherd	1836	Ill.	1838	"	1852	Ill		Died 1861

D. H Stubblefield	1851	Ill	1853	Full con	1852	Ill		Trans. Illinois 1869
J A. Scarritt	1851	"	1853	"	1852	"		Effective
Moses Shepherd	1851	"	1853	"	1852	"		Died 1862
Hiram Sears	1851	"	1853	"	1852	"		
W. H. St. Clair	1852	S. Ill	1854	"				Trans. Minn. 1856, read. 1862, loc. 1866
Thos. Sharp	1853	"	1854	Discontin'd.				
Asa Snell	1855	"	1857	Full con				Effective
Saml. T. Sharp	1856	"	1859	Discontin'd.				
Mark Sappington	1856	"	1858	Full con				Located 1859
A. B. Smith	1857	"	1858	Discontin'd.				
T O. Spencer	1857	"	1859	Full con				Died 1866
H. D. Schmidt	1855	"	1857	"				Trans. Cincinnati 1860
Thos. Stephenson	1864	"	1866	"				Trans. Iowa 1867
Henry Schulze	1854	S. E. Ind	1856	"	1857	Ill		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
C H. Schmidt		Ill		"	1857			Located 1859
W. Shreck	1842	Ind	1844	"	1859			Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
F Stoffregen	1851	Ill	1853	"	1859			Readmit. 1861, trans. S. W. Ger 1864
M. Schnerle	1856	"	1858	"	1861	S. E Ind		Trans. Southwest German 1864
Jos. Sinclair	1867	S Ill	1869	Discontin'd.				
G. W. Scawthorn	1867	"	1869	Full con				Effective
Isaac M. Stagg		N W Pd		"	1857			Located 1860, read. 1867, located 1873
Winfield S Sly	1868	S. Ill	1870	"				Trans. Michigan 1878
I. A. Smith	1868	"	1870	"				Located 1878
C. W. Sabine	1868	"	1870	"				Effective
N D Shackleford		N W Pd		"	1872	N W Pd		Trans N Ind. 1875
C B Sullivan	1872	S Ill	1873	Discontin'd.				
L. Saulsbury				Full con	1869	R. Riv		Trans. Rock River 1873
Wm H Scott	1874	S. Ill	1876	"				Effective
Nelson Stauffer	1875	"	1877	"				Effective
Geo. A. Seed	1877	"	1879	"				Effective
David B Stout	1878	"	1880	Discontin'd.				
Robt. L Slaten	1879	"	1880	"				
John Thatcher	1835	Mo	1837	Full con.	1852	Ill		Died 1869
C J T Tolle	1847	Ill	1849	"	1852	"		Superannuated 1882
W H. Taylor	1836	"	1838	"	1852	"		Trans. Illinois 1857
Gerhard Tinken	1851	"	1853	"	1869	R. Riv		Trans. Southwest Ger. 1864
J L Thomas	1853	S Ill	1854	Discontin'd.				
I. W Thombs	1854	"	1856	Full con				Located 1869
J A. Thrapp	1856	"	1858	"				Effective
W. Thomas	1856	"	1857	Discontin'd.				
John E Taylor	1857	"	1859	Full con				Located 1860, readmitted 1866, trans Central Illinois 1867.
H B Taylor	1845	Troy	1848	Full con				Readmit. 1868, trans. Peoria 1857, ret. 1862; superannuated
Jacob Turner	1862	S Ill	1864	Full con				Trans S W Ger 1864
S R Turney	1865	"	1867	Discontin'd.				
Fayette Turney	1866	"	1867	"				
F L Thomson	1866	"	1868	Full con				Effective
Wm Tilroe	1867	"	1869	"				"
Wm H. Tyner	1868	"	1870	"				"
R Thatcher	1868	"	1870	"				Located 1872
W R Taylor	1870	"						Died 1873
D B. Turney	1870	"	1872	Discontin'd.				
L W Thrail	1872	"	1874	Full con				Trans S. Kan. 1876, ret. 1879; effective
Isaac N Toms		Mich		"	1873	Mich		Located 1874
B R Turner		Ken		"	1873	Ken		Located 1875
J B Thompson	1873	S. Ill	1875	"				Effective
E Treadgold		Mich		"	1875	Mich		supernumerary 1879
Wm. E Tilroe	1883	S. Ill						
John Van Cleve	1828	Ill	1830	Full con	1852	Ill		Died 1876
James Vest	1851	"	1854	"	1852	"		Died 1858
D B Van Winkle	1858	S Ill	1860	"				Located 1862, readmit. 1868; died 1878
Wm Van Cleve	1864	"	1866	"				Effective
F M Van Treese	1867	"	1869	"				Effective
H. H. Van Syckle	1869	"	1870	Discontin'd.				
J. W. Van Cleve	1870	"	1875	Full con				Trans. Oregon 1871, ret. 1871; effective
Jos Van Cleve	1880	"	1882	"				Effective
A. W. Van Honten	1882	"	1884	"				"
John Vallow	1882	"	1884	"				"
Simon Walker	1830	Ill	1832	"				Located 1833, read. 1856, died 1880
W. T. Williams	1835	"	1837	"	1852	Ill		Expelled 1852
E C. Wood		Ken		"	1852	"		Trans. Illinois 1852
F. H. Walls	1848	Ill	1850	"	1852	"		Died 1862
G W Waggoner	1851	"	1853	"	1852	"		Effective
J B Wollard	1836	"	1839	"				Located 1844. readmit. 1853, superan.
A M Walker	1853	S. Ill	1854	Discontin'd.				
Wesley Williams	1853	"	1855	Full con				Expelled 1869
David Williamson	1846	Ind	1818	"				Readmitted 1853, died 1879

J. C. Willoughby.	1855	S. Ill.	1857	Full con			Located 1865
Harvey C. Wood.	1845	Verm't	1847	"	1854	Verm't	Located 1855
F. M. Wollard.	1857	S. Ill.	1859	"			Located 1879
Levi S. Walker.	1857	"	1859	"			Located 1865, readmit. 1867; supern.
Samuel Walker.	1857	"	1859	"			Located 186-, readmit. 1864; effective
J. W. Waugh	1858	"	1861	"			Trans. India 1865.
A. W. Western.	1858	"	1860				Located 1862
S. E. Willing.	1859	"	1861	"	1865	D M'ns	Located 1861, trans. Iowa 1869
Wm. Wilkenning	1862	"	1864	"			Trans. Southwest German 1864
Geo. Weaver	1863	"	1865	"			Trans. Missouri and Ark. 1865
R. T. Wilson	1832	Ill	1864	"	1863	Ill	Trans. India 1865
Wm. Wallis.	1865	S. Ill.	1857	"			Effective
W. S. C. Walker.	1865	"	1857	"			Died 1873
John Weeden.	1866	"	1868	"			Effective
Jas. L. Wallar.	1866	"	1868	"			Effective
C. L. Westman.	1867	"	1869	"			Expelled 1876
Geo. W. Wilson.	1867	"	1869	"			Located 1873
W. F. Whitaker.	1868	"	1870	"			Died 1882
Milton P. Wilkin.	1871	"	1873	"			Trans. Illinois 1882
Geo. M. Whitsel.	1872	"	1874	"			Supernumerary
John W. Wright	1872	"	1874	"			Trans. Iowa 1876
Thos. Wilson.	1875	"	1876	Discontin'd.			
Chas. P. Wilson.	1875	"	1877	Full con.			Effective
Jas. J. Watson.	1882	"	1883	Discontin'd.			
Geo. W. Wilson.	1876	"	1878	Full con.			Supernumerary 1883
F. L. West	1884	"					
L. C. Wilkin.	1884	"					
Freeman Yates.	1839	Maine.	1841	Full con.			Readmitted 1854, expelled 1855
Jonathan Yeck.	1867	S. Ill.	1869	Discontin'd.			
John P. Yungling	1871	"	1873	Full con.			Effective
Chas. C. Young	1875	"	1877	"			Withdrew 1882
G. Zollmann.	1835	W. Ia	1857	"	1857	R. Riv.	Trans. Southwest German 1864

General Summary of Members and Probationers of Southern Illinois Conference since 1852.

YEAR	Admitted on trial	Discontinued	Full connection	Readmitted	By transfer	From other Churches	Transf. from	Located	Died	Withdrawn	Expelled
1852	10	1	3	....	59	....	5	1	....	1	1
1853	16	4	11	2	3	....	2	....	....	....	....
1854	12	6	9	1	2	....	2	....	....	....	....
1855	8	2	11	1	1	....	2	2	2	....	....
1856	14	2	7	3	1	....	3	....	....	....	....
1857	21	4	10	2	21	....	6	7	1	....	....
1858	16	2	11	3	4	....	....	1	1	....	....
1859	15	2	15	....	2	....	2	3	2	2	1
1860	3	3	12	2	6	....	3	5	..	....	1
1861	1	1	12	....	2	....	2	2	4	2	1
1862	4	....	4	1	1	....	....	4	3	....	2
1863	5	....	1	2	2	....	....	1	1	....	1
1864	3	....	1	1	3	....	29	2	3	....	....
1865	9	....	4	1	2	....	3	1	1	....	....
1866	13	1	5	3	3	....	....	....	3	1	....
1867	19	8	8	3	....	....	3	2	....	....	....
1868	12	1	5	4	....	....	3	1	....	....	....
1869	11	3	15	....	2	....	3	2	3	....	3
1870	8	2	12	....	3	....	1	3	....	....	....
1871	9	....	9	5	3	....	4	....	2	....	....
1872	12	2	5	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	....
1873	6	1	8	....	4	....	6	5	5	....	....
1874	5	....	8	....	4	....	....	1	3	1	....
1875	8	3	8	1	2	....	7	1	....	....	....
1876	7	1	4	....	2	....	5	1	2	2	2
1877	3	....	7	2	1	....	....	2	....	....	1
1878	7	2	4	....	1	....	4	4	3	2	....
1879	5	....	4	1	2	....	2	2	3	1	....
1880	4	2	4	1	1	....	....	3	3	....	1
1881	6	....	5	....	1	....	4	1	4	....	....
1882	13	....	4	1	2	..	4	1	3	1	...
1883	10	4	4	1	1	1	4	....	1	....	....
1884	5	....	11	2	....	....	3	....	2	....	....
Totals	309	57	241	44	142	3	116	58	58	15	14

NOTE.—All members of the Illinois Conference that fell into this Conference at the time of the division are marked "Transferred, 1852." In 1857 the German work that had previously been connected with the Illinois Conference was connected with our Conference, which accounts for the large number of transfers received that year; and in 1861 the Southwest German Conference was formed, which explains the loss by transfer that year.

Number effective, 113; number superannuated, 15; number supernumerary, 17; number of Pastors, 107; number of Presiding Elders, 6; number of Chaplains, 1; number of Teachers, 2; number of Agents, 1.

Local Preachers of the Southern Illinois Conference, 1884.

ALTON DISTRICT.

NAME.	Ordained Deacon	Ordained Elder.	POST OFFICE.
Thos. M. Boyle,	1858	1860	Upper Alton
J. C. Baldridge,	1870	1872	Jerseyville
J. D. Charles,			Litchfield
G. W. Calloway,	1864		Bunker Hill
Robert Cooksey,			Worden
J. A. Campbell,			Bunker Hill
Riley Hampton,	1868		Donnelson
D. G. Hammons,			Shipman
John Jones,			Medora
Eli McCracken,	1855		Donnelson
A. W. Metcalf,	1870		Edwardsville
J. R. Mousely,			Shipman
J. J. Moss,			Walshville
Chas. E. Parker,			Clyde
James Platts.			Staunton
Wm. T. Quartly,			Clyde
Francis Root.			Hillsboro
Irwin G. Randle,	1842	1847	Alton
J. R. Robinson,			Gillespie
David B. Sapp,		1861	Moro
Brook Stafford,	1849		Grafton
John W. Slaten	1849		Grafton
Jas. R. Slaten,			Elsah
M. M. Stuckey,			Litchfield
E. M. West,	1856	1860	Edwardsville
J. L. Wylder,			Clyde
Wm. T. Young,			Donnelson

LEBANON DISTRICT.

W. T. Brannum,	1872	1879	Beaucoup
S. B. Bascom,	1857	1869	Vera
Price A. Crow,			
John Elliott,	1870		Carlyle
Z. J. W. Farmer,			Lebanon
L. M. Flocken,			
Wm. Grabill,			Vera
Wm. Hadley,	1844	1849	Collinsville
R. J. Harvey,	1845	1849	Lebanon
John W. Hoit,	1861		Lebanon
Richard Hair,			Greenville
Chas. McDonald,		1855	Trenton
H. N. McKee,			Lebanon
Bennet M. Posey,	1870		Carlyle
Jesse Renfro,	1843	1848	Troy
Wm. F. Swahlen		1877	Lebanon
Thos. C. Sharp,	1859		Carlyle
A. P. Sharp,			
George Seyler,			Nashville
J. W. Vest,	1866		Mulberry Gr.
Geo. W. Walker,	1867	1872	Beaucoup
James A. West,			Belleville
J. W. Whitlock,			Vandalia

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

W. A. Browder,	1869	1871	McLeansboro
Elisha Baugh,			Golconda
Marcellus Baugh	1859	1867	New Liberty
J. B. Barnett,			Enfield
C. L. Clanahan,	1861	1875	Metropolis.
W. P. Clanahan,			Golconda
M. Carter,			Belknap
W. C. Carns			Eldorado
J. R. Deans,			Belknap
Ira E. Driver,			Walrabs Mill
C. T. Douthett			McLeansboro
I. Delaney,			Middleton
Elijah Goodner,	1858		Belle Rive
J. F. Gillham,			Marlow
H. Hatcheratt,	1882		
A. P. Holloway,			Eddyville
S. A. Holloway,			Eddyville
W. R. Hammons.			NewBurnside
I. N. Jacques,			Mt. Carmel
J. H. Johnson,			Macedonia
John Lunn,	1882		McLeansboro
G.W.Lauderdale			Glendale
C. W. Morris,			Elizabethto'n
J. N. Maynor,	1882		Eddyville
Wm. McCoy,			Belle City
O. W. McCurdy,			Enfield
R. Olliver,	1866	1871	Wayne City
J. W. Ogden,			Stone Fort
W. A. Porter,	1876		Eldorado
Wm. Peterson,			Creal Springs
M. Pemberton,	1866		Galatia
James Pryor,			Trumbull
W. C. Roper,	1868		Harrisburg
J. T. Rushing,			Golconda
F. M Randolph,			Eddyville
J. G. Reid.			Eddyville
A. R. Redman,			Carmi
J. Stomnitz,	1861		Opdyke
W. A. Sweney,	1868		Eldorado
J. D. Shaw,			Eldorado
Wm. Thomson,	1848	1857	Bloomfield
G. C. Turner,	1863		Mt. Carmel
J. A. Whiteside,			Eddyville
John Williams,			Eddyville
J. S. Whittenberg			Stone Fort
Sam'l Westbrook			Eldorado

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.

H. M. Annear,			Prosperity
J. F. Andrews,			
T. E. Andrews,	1867		Chester
E. M. Baxter,		1866	
M. Brogdon,			Ullin
H. Close,			Chester
Z. P. Curlee,	1860	1868	Tamaroa
J. B. Curlee,	1868		Tamaroa
D. M. Crow,			Dubois
J. A. Durham,			Benton
John Doty,			Benton
W. F. Daniels,			Mt. Vernon
A. C. Davis,			Ewing
C. W. Esterly,	1867	1872	Ava
John Ellis	1855		Mt. Vernon
Levi Gifford,	1856	1858	
C. Greenwood,			Prosperity
P. N. Hearn,	1874		Corinth
S. L. Hearn,			Corinth
J. M. Holt,			Vergenes
John Harris			
Lewis Johnson,	1856		Mt. Vernon
Alex. Keown,	1871		Carbondale
J. F. Kerr,	1876		Cobden
V. G. Kimber,	1867		Dongola
G.W.Lemarter,	1864	1868	Marion
J. G. Mitchell,	1864	1875	Benton
J. C. Maxey,	1852		Mt. Vernon
W.J.Magatagan,			Pinckneyville
J.W.M'Cormack	1878		
W. C. Maddox,			Williamsburg
S. A. McIntosh,			Williamsburg
W. J. Parish,			Makanda
Thomas Reed,	1860		Parish
W. F. Renfro,	1857	1872	Prosperity
John Sullivan,	1863	1882	Parish
A. H. Seay,	1871		Marion
S. T. Stratton,	1864		Mt. Vernon
W. H. Smith,	1862	1866	Mt. Vernon
J. H. Schultze,	1855	1858	Pinckneyville
Josiah Tuttle,	1864	1864	Ashley
J. B. Turner,	1881		Ewing
R. H. White,	1868		Richview
Simeon Walker,	1867	1879	Carbondale
B. S. Weaver,			Corinth
John Wheatley,	1869		DuQuoin
W.J.Youngblood			Prosperity

OLNEY DISTRICT.

E. B. Banks,	Olney
Archibald Burke,	Bible Grove
Samuel Brown,	Clarement
Chas. A. Becket.	
C. M. Chamblin,	Newton
John E. Cullom,	New Hebron
C. E. Creighton,	Fairfield
J. C. Craig,	Iola
Jos. Dewhirst,	Wilsonburg
Robert Ellis,	Fairfield
J. B. Greenlaw,	Flora
W. S. Hennessey.	Lawrencev'le
C. B. Heath,	Claremont
D. F. Houser,	Olney,
Jas. H. Hodges,	Fairfield
Peter Hale,	Russelville
D. B. Leach,	Bone Gap
Ira Mendenhall,	Noble
Wm. McComas,	Rose Hill
A. W. Mace,	Parkersburg
J. E. Nickerson.	
W. M. Owen,	Fairfield
J. Phillips,	Olney
W. B. Peak.	Flora
F. M. Rigg,	Maud
J. W. Rigg,	Maud
John S. Richey,	Flat Rock
A. Schrader,	Friendsville
Sullivan Sumner,	Sumner
G. W. Sparr,	Olney
William Ulm,	Belmont
F. M. Woolard,	Fairfield
J. C. Williams,	Mt. Erie
N. West,	Noble
L. C. Wilkin,	
Henry Whiting,	Albion
William Wagy,	Sumner

VANDALIA DISTRICT.

J. B. Abbott,			Alma
Aaron Bickel,	1859	1864	Salem
S. W. Barr,	1871		Odin
E. Boaz,	1868		Ramsey
Isaac Bundy,	1862		Odin
John C. Bird,	1878		Effingham
A. T. Blackburn,			Iuka
H. M. Campbell,			Edgewood
D. W. Chapman,			Iuka
G. W. Fletcher,			St. Elmo
David T. Harris.			Johnsonville
G. Harmon,			Patoka
J. J. Idleman,	1853		Salem
W. M. Johnson,	1882		Johnsonville
J. A. Jay,	1883		Shobonier
J. W. Johnson,			Patoka
A. Lancaster	1876		Ramsey
Joseph Mosser,	1859	1872	Salem
Robt. McCormell			Brownstown
John G. McCoy,			Effingham
H. Mulvaney,			Iuka
J. W. McMillen,			Dix
D. B. Owen,			Avena
J. Oglesby,		1856	Vandalia
O. B. Rippetoe,	1879		Altamont
E. S. Roberts.			Iuka
W. H. St. Clair,	1854	1856	Moccasin
G. C. Sheppard,	1867		Patoka
Geo. F. Sidner,			St. Elmo
S. R. Turney,			Brownstown
Owen Wright,			Mason
Henry Webb,			Effingham
H. H. Walker,			Walnut Hill

SESSIONS OF DISTRICT CONFERENCES.

ALTON DISTRICT.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	Dec. 4, '72	Edwardsville	J. W. Lane	T. H. Herdman.
2	July 23, '73	Bunker Hill	J. W. Lane	T. H. Herdman.
3	Dec. 2, '73	Upper Alton	J. Earp	T. H. Herdman.
4	Aug. 4, '74	Shipman	J. Earp	T. H. Herdman.
5	Nov. 18, '74	Otterville	J. Earp	W. S. Sly.
6	July 27, '75	Alton	J. Earp	W. S. Sly.
7	Nov. 16, '75	Brighton	T. A. Eaton	W. S. Sly.
8	Aug. 2, '76	Jerseyville	J. Earp	W. S. Sly.
9	July 22, '78	Litchfield	G. W. Hughey	F. L. Thomson.
10	Dec. 10, '78	Edwardsville	G. W. Hughey	F. L. Thomson.
11	July 22, '79	Bunker Hill	J. A. Scarritt	F. L. Thomson.
12	July 27, '80	Piasa	B. R. Pierce	W. H. Scott.
13	May 18, '81	Brighton	B. R. Pierce	G. W. Wilson.
14	Ap'l 25, '82	Gillespie	B. R. Pierce	G. W. Wilson.
15	Nov. 21, '82	Jerseyville	B. R. Pierce	R. H. Massey.
16	Aug. 22, '83	Edwardsville	B. R. Pierce	G. W. Wilson.
17	July 8, '84	New Douglas	J. W. Phillips	F. M. Van Treese.

LEBANON DISTRICT.

1	Nov. 13, '72	Belleville	G. W. Hughey	F. M. Van Treese.
2	July 21, '73	Greenville	G. W. Hughey	F. M. Van Treese.
3	Dec. 3, '73	Carlyle	G. W. Hughey	E. A. Hoyt.
4	July 22, '74	Sparta	G. W. Hughey	L. W. Thrall.
5	Nov. 26, '74	Troy	A. B. Morrison	R. H. Massey.
6	Aug. 26, '75	O'Fallon	A. B. Morrison	R. H. Massey.
7	Nov. 10, '75	Collinsville	A. B. Morrison	R. H. Massey.
8	Aug. 2, '76	Greenville	A. B. Morrison	L. F. Cullom.
9	Nov. 16, '76	Highland	A. B. Morrison	R. H. Massey.
10	Aug. 14, '77	Trenton	A. B. Morrison	R. H. Massey.
11	July 10, '78	Lebanon	A. B. Morrison	F. M. Van Treese.
12	Nov. 5, '78	East St. Louis	J. W. Locke	F. M. Van Treese.
13	Aug. 12, '79	Trenton	J. W. Locke	H. Sears.
14	Nov. 18, '79	Greenville	J. W. Locke	E. A. Hoyt.
15	Aug. 2, '80	Carlyle	J. W. Locke	E. A. Hoyt.
16	Nov. 23, '80	Clement	J. W. Locke	E. A. Hoyt.
17	May 17, '81	Collinsville	J. W. Locke	J. W. Van Cleve.
18	Aug. 1, '82	Lebanon	T. H. Herdman	Wm. Wallis.
19	Aug. 15, '83	Trenton	T. H. Herdman	Wm. Wallis.
20	Aug. 5, '84	Collinsville	T. H. Herdman	V. C. Evers.

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

1	July 24, '77	McLeansboro	J. Harris	J. B. Thompson.
2	July 9, '78	Enfield	J. Harris	J. B. Thompson.
3	May 26, '79	Harrisburg	J. Harris	J. B. Thompson.
4	Mch. 17, '80	Enfield	J. L. Wallar	J. B. Thompson.
5	Mch. 8, '81	McLeansboro	J. L. Wallar	V. C. Evers.
6	Mch. 27, '82	Vienna	J. L. Wallar	V. C. Evers.
7	Mch. 13, '83	Grayville	J. L. Wallar	V. C. Evers.
8	Mch. 12, '84	Enfield	W. Van Cleve	J. T. Pender.

OLNEY DISTRICT.

1	Nov. 13, '72	McKendree Ch	J. A. Robinson	V. D. Lingenfelter
2	Aug. 13, '73	Olney	J. A. Robinson	V. D. Lingenfelter
3	Dec. 2, '73	Clay City	J. A. Robinson	J. W. Phillips.
4	Aug. 5, '74	Flora	J. A. Robinson	J. W. Phillips.
5	.....	No record of	this session.	
6	Aug. 12, '75	Bridgeport	J. A. Robinson	J. W. Phillips.
7	Nov. 30, '75	Olney	J. A. Robinson	J. H. Gunn.
8	Aug. 1, '76	Sumner	J. A. Robinson	J. W. Lane.
9	July 30, '77	Flora	J. Leeper	J. W. Lane.
10	Nov. 13, '77	Olney	J. Leeper	J. W. Lane.
11	Aug. 5, '78	Clay City	J. Leeper	W. D. Mabry.
12	Nov. 19, '78	Fairfield	J. Leeper	W. F. Brown.
13	Aug. 5, '79	Newton	J. Leeper	W. F. Brown.
14	Aug. 3, '80	Olney	J. Leeper	F. W. Downs.
15	May 31, '81	Flora	O. H. Clark	F. W. Downs.
16	Nov. 30, '81	Robinson	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.
17	Aug. 1, '82	Sumner	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.
18	Nov. 20, '82	Albion	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.
19	Aug. 29, '83	Clay City	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.
20	Nov. 13, '83	Bridgeport	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.
21	Aug. 5, '84	Newton	O. H. Clark	J. Van Cleve.

VANDALIA DISTRICT.

1	Dec. 11, '72	Mason	H. Sears	J. Harris.
2	Aug. 13, '73	Effingham	H. Sears	J. Harris.
3	Dec. 9, '73	Salem	J. W. Lane	J. Harris.
4	Aug. 16, '74	Kinmundy	J. W. Lane	J. Harris.
5	Nov. 30, '74	Altamont	J. W. Lane	J. Harris.
6	Aug. 9, '75	Vandalia	J. W. Lane	J. Harris.
7	Dec. 7, '75	Altamont	W. F. Davis	J. Harris.
8	Aug. 23, '76	Salem	W. F. Davis	D. W. Blatchley.
9	May 29, '77	Vandalia	W. F. Davis	W. Wallis.
10	May 22, '78	Centralia	W. F. Davis	W. Wallis.
11	Aug. 20, '79	Effingham	W. F. Davis	W. Wallis.
12	Nov. 19, '79	Kinmundy	J. B. Reynolds	G. W. Butler.
13	Nov. 17, '80	Centralia	J. B. Reynolds	F. M. Van Treese.
14	Aug. 2, '81	Vandalia	J. B. Reynolds	F. M. Van Treese.
15	Mch. 28, '82	Kinmundy	J. B. Reynolds	F. M. Van Treese.
16	Mch. 27, '83	St. Elmo	J. B. Reynolds	F. M. Van Treese.
17	April 1, '84	Kinmundy	J. Leeper	S. P. Chapin.

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.

1	Dec. 3, '72	Carbondale	W. J. Grant	F. L. Thomson.
2	July 29, '73	Jonesboro	W. J. Grant	F. L. Thomson.
3	Nov. 18, '73	Marion	W. J. Grant	C. E. Cline.
4	May 27, '74	Murphysboro	W. J. Grant	C. E. Cline.
5	Jan. 14 '75	Carbondale	B. R. Pierce	C. E. Cline.
6	Aug. 10, '75	Carbondale	B. R. Pierce	C. E. Cline.
7	Nov. 16, '75	Anna	B. R. Pierce	B. A. P. Eaton.
8	Aug. 2, '76	Cairo	B. R. Pierce	H. Sears.
9	June 6, '77	Ashley	B. R. Pierce	C. E. Cline.
10	May 13, '78	DuQuoin	B. R. Pierce	C. E. Cline.
11	Ap'l 29, '79	Chester	C. E. Cline	W. F. Whitaker.
12	Ap'l 21, '80	Carbondale	C. E. Cline	W. H. Tyner.
13	Ap'l 18, '81	DuQuoin	J. A. Scarritt	H. A. Doty.
14	May 24, '82	Pinkneyville	C. Nash	J. W. Flint.
15	May 16, '83	Chester	C. Nash	J. W. Flint.
16	July 15, '84	Murphysboro	C. Nash	J. W. Flint.

NOTE.—From 1872 to 1875 this was called Cairo District, and from 1875 to 1877 Carbondale District. From 1878 to 1883 the District Conference was changed to a ministerial association.

Complimentary.

While the size and location of the Southern Illinois Conference does not give us a prominent place among the 103 Conferences of the Church, yet we have now some very encouraging compliments from the bishops, editors and others for the harmony, promptness, faithfulness and business-like methods which characterize our annual sessions. We have given one good example to the general church, in that we were the first annual Conference to require candidates for the ministry to abstain from the use of tobacco. This example spread until it is now required by the General Conference. We are the first, also, to publish a table of the circulation of the Church periodicals within the several charges, which idea has received the favorable notice of the *Central,* the *Western* and the *Christian Advocates.*

We are also the first Conference to form a separate denominational organization in the interest of our Sunday School work. This was done in 1882, and the sessions already held—at Carbondale and Alton—have been of great benefit to that department of our work.

We have never given to the Church a Bishop or General Conference officer, yet we have members whose worth is greater than their fame, and some honorable places have been filled from their ranks. Dr. N. E. Cobleigh was elected editor of *Zion's Herald* in 1864, while a member of our Conference. A. B. Morrison was a member of the General Church Extension Committee from 1868 to 1872; Dr. John Van Cleve was a member of the General Missionary Committee from 1872 to 1876, and Dr. John W. Locke held the same position and was also a member of the General Church Extension Committee from 1880 to 1884.

Southern Illinois Conference Educational Interests.

1. McKendree College.—The Committee on Education, at the first session of the Conference, at Belleville, in 1852, said in their report: "Since the division of the Illinois Conference it is well known that only one of its institutions, McKendree College, falls within our borders. The sustaining of it will now depend mainly upon the Southern Illinois Conference, and your committee are glad to be able, after many difficulties in its history, to say that at the present time it is in a prosperous condition, having above a hundred students in attendance and a faculty fully competent to elevate its literary character to as high a grade as any in our western country. Dr. Peter Akers was lately elected to the presidency." The history of the succeeding thirty-two years is one of continuous difficulties on the one hand and of hopes and successes on the other; but amid all a most excellent work has been done, that has told more than any other influence upon the educational character of our Conference to-day. During this time it has received the faithful labors of the following presidents: Peter Akers, D. D., 1852 to 1857; N. E. Cobleigh, D. D., 1858 to 1863; Robert Allyn, D. D., LL. D., 1863 to 1874; J. W. Locke, D. D., 1874 to 1878; R. C. Houghton, D. D., 1878

to 1879; D. W. Phillips, D. D., 1879 to 1883; Wm. F. Swahlen, Ph. D., 1883, who still continues.

II. Belleville Female Institute.—The above committee also said: "We have had under consideration the memorial sent to this Conference in relation to the 'Belleville Female Institute.' The school has been gotten up by a few enterprising citizens of this city. It has been in operation about one year and has enjoyed a promising degree of prosperity. It is kept in the rooms of the basement of the M. E. Church. The instruction is at present given by Miss Martha Martin, aided by two competent assistants. Sixty-five scholars are now in attendance." It was adopted as a Conference school and called the "Southern Illinois Conference Female Academy." In 1854 Miss V. Hakes was principal, but it closed in 1856.

III. Mt. Carmel Academy.—The same committee also say: "We are pleased to learn that the friends of education in Mt. Carmel and its vicinity have taken the incipient steps to build in that village an academy of high grade." The next year, 1853, the committee said: "We highly approve of the praiseworthy efforts of our brethren in this place (Mt. Carmel) to establish a high school, and will give it all the encouragement in our power." Rev. H. C. Wood had been secured as principal, but was soon succeeded by Rev. Jasper Tenney. The Conference appointed a visiting committee to it, but it disappears from the minutes in 1856.

IV. Illinois Conference Female College.—Although located beyond their territory, the Southern Illinois Conference continued to patronize this institution at Jacksonville, and appointed visitors thereto until 1856.

V. Southern Illinois Conference Female College.—This was started as the "Salem High School," then called the "Southern Illinois Female High School," and afterwards the name given above. It represented the desire for a college for young women. The quarterly conference of Salem circuit invited the Conference, in 1853, "to select Salem as the place for locating a female school of high order." The next year it was "taken under our patronage and influence," and in 1855 W. H. Corrington, A. M., was appointed principal, who served till 1862; H. Sears, A. M., from 1862 to 1863; H. Fish, A. M., 1863 to 1864; W. H. Corrington, A. M., 1864 to 1865; J. S. Moore, A. M., 1865 to 1868, at which time it virtually suspended.

VI. Mt. Vernon Academy.—In 1854 the Conference adopted the following resolution: "We highly approve of the project of getting up a high school in Mt. Vernon, and will give it all the co-operation in our power." In 1855 it was taken under Conference patronage, and James Leaton, A. M., appointed principal. In 1857 it suspended. In 1865 it was revived under the name of Mt. Vernon Seminary, but not adopted as a Conference school, although T. H. Herdman, A. M., was appointed principal, who served until 1869, when it again closed.

VII. Olney Seminary.—The Conference of 1855 said: "We are gratified to learn that the citizens of Olney have established a seminary in their flourishing town and that it has been in successful operation for some months. They offer it to the Conference for its patronage. We therefore take the Olney Seminary under our pat-

ronage." D. Holmes was appointed principal and served for two years. In 1858 A. W. Mace was elected and served until 1861, when it suspended. It was reopened in 1863, with Rev. N. Hawley, M. D., as principal. In 1865 Rev. J. C. Finley, M. D., was elected and served one year, when the school closed.

VIII. Lebanon Female Institute.—In 1857 David Holmes was appointed to this school and continued in charge two years. It then went into the hands of Rev. T. Taylor, of the Illinois Conference, but was caused to suspend by the burning of the M. C. Church, Jan. 4, 1861, in the basement of which it was held.

IX. Nashville Seminary.—In 1858 the Committee on Education "had under consideration the proposition of our friends at Nashville to place under our control and patronage a seminary of learning to be built in their town, and for the erection of which they have subscribed $6,270." The Conference accepted the proposition, but nothing further seems to have been done in the case.

X. Metropolis Seminary.—The citizens of Metropolis presented a proposition to the Conference of 1865 concerning the location of a seminary in that place, to which the Conference responded: "This Conference will give the proposition a favorable consideration when the $20,000 mentioned therein shall have been raised, free from the embarrassment of scholarships." No further action seems to have become necessary.

XI. St. Louis Central University.—The Conference of 1866 approved the action of the Missouri and Arkansas Conference in establishing a University proper in St. Louis, but the high hopes that were cherished were, for some unknown reason, never realized.

XII. Cairo High School.—A committee was appointed by the Conference in 1871 to secure in the city of Cairo property for the "foundation for a high school for the benefit of this section of our work." This also failed.

In addition to these efforts directly on the part of the Conference to provide educational facilities for the young men and women within its bounds, the principalship of the Southern Illinois Normal University has been held since its foundation in 1874 by a member of our Conference, Robert Allyn, D. D., LL. D., and during the years 1874 and 1875 another of our members, Rev. D. W. Phillips, A. M., was principal of the Illinois Agricultural College at Irvington.

A Study of Southern Illinois Conference Statistics.

Now for a dry page! No; that depends upon how much you are interested in knowing what each member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Southern Illinois is doing for the cause of Christ; what part of our territory is the most thoroughly "worked up;" how much is being given by the average church member for the advancement of the Church at home and abroad; the relation between taking the Church papers and financial support of the Church; how the circuits compare with the stations, &c., &c. One cannot get the deeper lessons from statistics without study. This table, based on the Conference minutes for 1883, is given to help both preachers and people to find these things and to answer, in short, that very important question, what is the average individual among us doing for God and the Church? The Methodist Episcopal Church will not rise to her highest possible position until due care is given to the training of the individual. It is hoped that a careful perusal of this table will, while it encourages some, provoke many to better works. Although these are not the points by which a charge would ordinarily be estimated, for there are many things which figures cannot express, yet, taking what can be thus shown, we may learn what in these lines our people understand church membership to mean. The last column shows the grade of the several charges judged by the five points here given. The double columns show, first the average for the member, and second, how that compares with the averages in other charges, or their relative place in the list of appointments.

[See following pages.]

A Study of

Southern Illinois Conference Statistics.

ALTON DISTRICT.

CHARGE.	Am't per member for Pastor, P. E. and Bishops	Rank in Conf.	Am't per member for Missions	Rank in Conf.	Am't per member for all the benevolences	Rank in Conf.	Am't per member for all financial demands	Rank in Conf.	Per cent. taking Ch Papers	Rank in Conf.	General Av'ge Ran
Alton	$6 24	25	$ 41	29	$ 84	25	$18 46	5	13	46	16
Brighton	6 17	26	57	14	1 02	17	7 94	38	16	28	14
Bunker Hill	3 92	53	50	18	94	19	6 81	52	12	53	33
Donnelson	1 82	107	07	106	16	103	2 17	114	5	102	116
Edwardsville	11 32	2	44	25	76	29	16 53	6	23	8	5
Elsah	5 35	31	32	43	50	56	12 55	12	20	13	21
Fidelity	8 16	9	56	15	81	27	9 81	21	12	53	15
Gillespie	3 13	72	38	38	71	33	4 83	79	6	96	64
Grafton	3 83	56	25	58	48	57	5 36	73	11	61	63
Jerseyville	6 34	23	1 21	1	3 50	1	22 05	2	22	9	2
Kane	6 88	16	87	2	1 72	4	10 06	20	24	6	4
Litchfield	4 70	41	24	59	41	70	7 12	48	12	56	50
Litchfield Ct	5 30	33	30	48	44	64	6 21	55	15	35	42
Miles	5 00	38	43	28	60	40	6 34	53	14	41	35
New Douglas	5 48	30	37	37	60	44	7 02	49	19	16	27
Piasa	9 21	1	30	48	65	42	19 51	4	14	41	18
Shipman	6 40	22	59	12	90	19	10 54	17	18	19	8
Staunton	5 03	37	49	18	78	28	7 21	46	16	28	22
Upper Alton	7 21	15	44	2	1 00	18	9 77	23	21	10	9
Wanda	4 30	45	13	87	60	45	7 79	40	19	16	41

LEBANON DISTRICT.

Beaucoup	$1 90	104	$ 9	93	$ 22	99	$ 3 00	106	8	84	106
Belleville	8 31	8	70	6	1 59	5	14 03	10	25	2	1
Caseyville	6 67	17	..	127	.....	128	9 47	27	6	96	90
Carlyle	6 44	21	32	43	73	31	11 65	15	12	53	25
Clement	2 88	75	26	55	46	61	4 73	85	10	67	72
Collinsville	7 56	12	16	79	28	89	11 53	16	8	84	55
East St. Louis	5 96	28	6	110	25	92	8 02	37	2	115	87
Freeburg	10 81	5	8	103	22	99	12 51	13	11	61	56
Greenville	6 63	18	37	35	1 11	15	9 63	25	25	2	10
Hagarstown	3 56	62	12	89	65	41	4 78	81	17	26	60
Lebanon	6 53	20	52	17	1 30	11	9 80	22	24	6	6
Mulberry Grove	2 24	94	15	82	30	87	3 13	105	5	102	103
Nashville	5 35	31	6	110	8	122	5 97	59	10	67	57
Okawville	3 74	59	24	59	58	46	7 71	41	11	61	49
Pocahontas	3 45	67	2	123	8	122	3 74	93	8	84	105
Shiloh	7 58	11	22	65	40	71	8 99	29	18	19	33
Trenton	3 31	68	18	74	32	81	7 18	47	7	90	79
Troy and St. Jacobs	5 11	35	15	82	40	71	6 19	56	10	67	65
Venice	2 88	75	4	117	39	75	3 92	89	18	19	82
Waterloo	10 97	4	10	95	28	89	12 96	11	19	16	38
Wisetown	3 35	63	20	68	53	54	5 41	70	15	35	46

CONFERENCE STATISTICS.

MT. CARMEL DISTRICT.

Belknap	$1 24	120	$ 6	110	$ 13	108	$ 3 72	94	3	109	118
Carmi	8 75	7	62	10	1 57	6	16 45	7		120	20
Elizabethtown	2 59	81	12	89	20	100	3 40	100	9	78	100
Enfield	2 65	79	18	74	42	68	3 62	98	16	28	78
Enfield Circuit	1 95	103	7	106	9	124	5 57	67	3	109	110
Equality	4 17	48	30	48	47	58	5 40	72	20	13	44
Golconda	4 85	40	14	84	47	58	6 24	54	3	109	74
Grayville	7 35	13	64	9	1 47	8	10 14	19	16	28	7
Grayville Circuit	2 37	90	13	87	28	89	8 55	23	6	96	90
Harrisburg	3 77	57	12	89	29	88	5 32	74	15	35	72
Hawthorn	3 30	69	26	55	55	49	7 34	45	9	78	58
McLeansboro	6 66	39	45	24	1 04	16	9 71	24	16	28	12
McLeansboro Circuit	97	128	4	117	9	124	1 18	127	9	78	122
Metropolis	6 32	24	32	43	69	34	15 23	9	10	67	29
Metropolis Circuit	1 52	113	7	106	19	101	1 99	116	6	96	17
Middleton	1 44	116	7	106	11	112	5 1	77		120	112
Mt. Carmel	3 88	54	61	11	1 38	10	7 37	44	14	41	46
New Burnside	5 93	29	3	124	7	124	1 95	118	2	115	111
Norris City	76	128	9	99	10	116	92	128	1	118	124
Omaha	1 59	112	5	115	10	116	2 31	113	10	67	114
Opdyke	1 66	108	9	99	13	108	2 70	109	7	99	65
Vienna	2 77	78	22	65	38	78	5 54	68	12	53	71

MT. VERNON DISTRICT.

Anna and Jonesboro	$4 16	49	$ 36	37	$ 57	47	$ 6 89	50	25	2	30
Ashley and Richview	3 24	70	19	72	25	92	5 41	70	11	61	80
Benton	1 44	116	4	117	7	124	1 50	123	5	102	123
Cairo	11 10	3	80	4	1 22	12	20 79	3	18	19	3
Carbondale	6 00	27	77	5	1 77	2	8 96	30		120	32
Chester	4 97	39	44	25	86	22	8 33	35	12	53	27
Cobden	1 05	125	6	110	11	112	1 40	124		120	125
Corinth	1 10	124	4	117	10	116	1 22	126		120	126
DeSoto	1 63	110	10	95	16	103	1 86	120	10	67	107
DuQuoin	4 06	50	23	63	34	81	5 75	63	15	35	67
DuQuoin Circuit	1 19	122	2	123	47	58	3 24	101	2	115	113
Elcho	2 43	88	3	121	11	112	2 86	108	20	13	98
Marion	3 17	71	10	95	18	102	10 41	18	11	61	75
Mound City	4 33	42	28	52	55	49	5 80	61	14	41	45
Mt. Vernon	3 76	58	58	13	1 22	12	5 85	60	18	19	24
Mt. Vernon Circuit	1 27	119	17	78	24	95	1 93	119	7	90	109
Murphysboro	5 18	34	26	55	67	38	11 99	14	25	2	19
Pinckneyville	3 39	66	33	42	68	35	7 45	43	18	19	36
Sparta	13 36	1	20	68	40	71	38 16	1	18	19	22
Spring Garden	1 14	123	½	126	2	127	1 51	122	½	119	128
Steelville	2 55	84	5	115	10	116	3 27	102	8	84	108
Tamaroa	2 29	93	20	68	39	75	3 71	95	9	78	94
Ullin	7 68	10	10	95	23	97	8 48	34	31	1	43
Woodlawn	3 10	73	12	89	23	97	5 77	62	21	10	68

OLNEY DISTRICT.

Albion	$2 20	96	$ 41	29	$ 44	64	$5 99	58		120	81
Belmont	1 87	105	18	74	32	81	2 58	112	5	102	104
Bridgeport	2 42	89	56	15	88	21	3 76	92	13	46	48
Calhoun	1 65	110	31	47	45	62	2 67	111	7	90	97
Clay City	2 01	99	16	79	25	92	4 11	87	7	90	99
Fairfield	4 21	46	46	21	1 52	7	15 70	8	15	35	13
Flat Rock	2 30	92	70	4	1 16	14	3 54	99	7	90	61
Flora	3 98	51	40	21	76	29	6 85	51	16	67	39
Jeffersonville	1 83	106	22	68	40	71	3 71	95	14	41	83
Louisville	1 95	100	38	32	66	44	3 31	101	11	61	70
Mt. Erie	2 36	91	28	52	39	75	3 71	95	9	78	89
Newton	3 81	55	29	51	68	35	4 78	81	12	53	53
Newton Circuit	2 10	98	24	59	51	55	4 96	78	5	102	90
Oblong	1 94	102	34	40	55	49	3 88	91	6	96	83
Olney	2 58	82	35	39	73	31	5 61	66	11	61	54
Olney Circuit	1 49	114	38	32	55	49	2 93	107	3	109	95
Robinson	3 49	64	70	4	1 39	9	7 48	42	21	10	17
Rose Hill	1 00	126	9	99	15	106	1 38	127	3	109	120
Sumner	1 47	115	24	58	45	62	4 77	88	6	96	96
Wakefield	2 51	85	47	20	85	24	7 85	33	13	46	37

VANDALIA DISTRICT.

Altamont	$7 14	15	$ 32	43	$ 68	35	$9 63	25	13	46	26
Avena	2 24	94	14	84	32	81	8 61	32	13	46	69
Centralia	5 10	36	87	2	1 77	2	8 82	31	15	35	11
Effingham	3 62	60	20	68	32	81	5 07	76	5	102	88
Farina	2 19	97	16	79	36	79	4 79	80	13	46	86
Irvington	3 97	52	36	37	67	38	5 48	69	17	26	40
Iuka	2 63	80	23	63	43	66	8 14	36	16	28	51
Johnsonville	1 22	121	8	103	13	108	1 96	117	..	120	121
Kinmundy	2 57	83	46	21	86	22	4 33	86	8	84	58
Mason	3 61	61	19	72	31	86	5 18	75	12	53	75
Odin and Sandoval	2 82	77	12	89	36	79	4 00	88	10	67	93
Patoka	2 44	87	28	52	42	66	3 90	90	8	84	85
Pleasant Grove	1 95	100	14	84	24	95	2 70	109	10	67	101
Ramsey	1 31	118	..	127	3	126	1 71	121	..	120	127
Salem	4 31	43	34	40	56	48	5 70	64	9	78	51
Shobonier	3 07	74	8	103	16	103	4 75	84	5	102	102
St. Elmo	3 44	65	18	74	42	68	9 02	28	10	67	62
Vandalia	4 28	45	40	31	84	25	6 12	57	16	28	31
Walnut Hill	2 50	83	6	110	12	111	3 27	102	..	120	115
Watson	1 73	108	2	123	11	112	2 00	115	3	109	119
Xenia	4 21	46	12	89	15	106	5 62	65	13	46	77

DISTRICTS.

Alton	$5 42	1	$ 45	1	$ 92	1	$9 54	1	18	1	1
Lebanon	4 94	2	22	4	52	3	7 29	2	12	2	2
Mt. Carmel	2 56	4	17	6	34	6	4 85	4	9	4	5
Mt. Vernon	2 81	3	19	5	37	5	4 93	3	11	3	3
Olney	2 17	6	35	2	64	2	4 81	5	9	4	3
Vandalia	2 52	5	24	3	44	4	4 60	6	8	6	5
Grand average	$3 47	..	$ 27	..	$ 54	..	$6 00	..	11	..	..

Numerical Exhibit of Southern Ill. Conf., from its organization in 1852 to the Centenary of the M. E. Church, 1884.

The Southern Illinois Conference was organized at the beginning of the last third of the first century of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These thirty-two years are about the lifetime of a generation; thus we have here an exhibit of the work done by the first generation of ministers and members after the organization of the Conference.

Year.	Members on Conf.	Net incr.	Deceased	Net incr.	No. of members	Net incr.	Probat'n'rs	Net decr.	Local Preachers.	Net incr.	Churches	Net incr.	Probable Value	Net incr.	Parsonages	Net incr.	Probable Value	Net incr.	Paid for Ministerial support	Net incr.	Paid to missions	Total	W. F. M. Society	Total	Church Extension.	Total	Tracts	Total	S. S. Union	Total	Freedmen's Aid	Total	Education	Total	Support of Bishops	Total	Officers and Teachers	Net incr.	No. of Sunday schools	Net incr.	Conference Claimants	Total	Scholars	Net incr.	Expenses of Schools.	Net incr.	Vols. in Library	Decrease	Conversions	Total	Papers	Net incr.
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Presiding Elders of Southern Illinois Conference since 1852.

NAMES.	DISTRICTS.	TERM. Appointed.	TERM. Ended.
J. B. Corrington.	Lebanon,	185	1851
N. Allyn,	Mt. Carmel,	1851	1854
W. W. Mitchell,	Alton,	1852	1854
E. Joy,	Jonesboro.	1852	1856
J. I. Richardson.	Mt. Vernon,	1852	1853
J. H. Hill,	Mt. Vernon,	1853	1856
J. I. Richardson.	Salem,	1853	1856
J. Van Cleve,	Lebanon,	1854	1858
J. B. Corrington,	Alton,	1854	1858
Wm. Cliffe,	Mt. Carmel,	1854	1858
R. J. Nall,	Salem,	1856	1858
G. W. Robbins,	Mt. Vernon,	1856	1863
J. A. Robinson,	Equality,	1856	1859
N. Allyn,	Jonesboro,	1856	186
G. Boeshenz,	Belleville, Ger	1857	186
W. W. Mitchell,	Lebanon,	1858	1862
J. Van Cleve,	Alton,	1858	1862
C. J. Houts,	Litchfield,	1858	1862
Wm. Cliffe,	Salem,	1858	1862
R. J. Nall,	Mt. Carmel,	1858	186
J. H. Hill,	Equality,	1859	1863
A. B. Nisbet,	Mt. Carmel,	1860	1864
J. A. Robinson.	Mt. Vernon,	186	1864
Moses Shepherd.	Jonesboro.	186	1864
Wm. Shreek,	Belleville, Ger	186	1864
Joseph Earp,	Lebanon,	1862	1866
J. A. Scarritt,	Alton,	1862	1866
T. F. Houts,	Salem,	1862	1865
J. W. Lowe,	Equality,	1863	186
N. Hawley,	Mt. Carmel,	1864	1866
J. P. Davis,	Mt. Vernon,	1864	1865
C. J. Houts,	Salem,	1865	1869
Z. S. Clifford,	Mt. Vernon,	1865	1868
J. W. Lowe,	DuQuoin,	1865	1869
G. W. Hughey,	Cairo,	1865	1868
T. A. Eaton,	Lebanon,	866	187
J. B Corrington.	Alton,	1866	1870
N. Hawley,	Olney,	1866	1868
E. Joy,	Olney,	1868	1872
B. R. Pierce,	Mt. Vernon,	1868	1872
A. B. Morrison,	Cairo,	1868	1870
Z. S. Clifford,	Mt. Carmel,	186	1869
H. Sears,	Salem,	1869	1873
R. H. Massey,	Mt. Carmel,	186	1873
L. C. English,	DuQuoin,	1869	1872
W. H. Corrington	Lebanon,	187	1871
J. S. Morrison,	Alton,	1870	1871
H. Sears,	Vandalia,	1870	1873
W. J. Grant,	Cairo,	1870	1874
G. W. Hughey,	Lebanon,	1871	1874
J. W. Lane,	Alton,	1872	1873
J. A. Robinson,	Olney,	1872	1876
L. C. English,	Mt. Vernon,	1872	1873
C D. Lingenfelter	Shawneetown	1872	1873
W. F. Davis,	Mt. Carme ,	1873	1875
J. Leeper,	Mt. Vernon,	1873	1876
C D. Lingenfelter	Harrisburg,	1873	1876
J. Earp,	Alton,	1873	1877
J. W. Lane,	Vandalia,	1873	1875
B. R. Pierce,	Carbondale,	1874	1876
A. B. Morrison,	Lebanon,	1874	1878
W. F. Davis,	Vandalia,	1875	1879
B. R. Pierce,	Mt. Vernon,	1876	1879
J. Leeper,	Olney,	1876	1880
G. W. Hughey,	Alton,	1877	1879
J. Harris,	Mt. Carmel,	1876	1879
J. W. Locke,	Lebanon,	1878	1881
C. E. Cline	Mt. Vernon,	187	1881
B. R. Pierce,	Alton,	1879	1883
J. L. Wallar.	Mt. Carmel,	1879	1883
J. B. Reynolds,	Vandalia,	1879	1883
O. H. Clark.	Olney,	188	1884
W. F. Whitaker,	Lebanon,	1881	1882
C. Nash,	Mt. Vernon,	1881	18
F. H. Herdman,	Lebanon,	1882	18
J. W. Phillips,	Alton,	1883	18
W. Van Cleve,	Mt. Carmel,	1883	18
J. Leeper,	Vandalia,	1883	18
N. M. Powers,	Olney,	1884	18

SUMMARY.

Number who have held the office, 47

B. R. Pierce served	-	12	years.
J. A. Robinson "	-	11	"
J. B. Corrington "	-	10	"
G. W. Hughey, "	-	9	"
E. Joy "	-	8	"
John Van Cleve "	-	8	"
C. J. Houts "	-	8	"
J. Earp "	-	8	"
J. Leeper "	-	8	"
H. Sears "	-	7	"
J. H. Hill served	-	7	years.
N. Allyn "	-	6	"
W. W. Mitchell "	-	6	"
J. W. Lowe "	-	6	"
A. B. Morrison "	-	6	"
W. F. Davis "	-	6	"
16 others have "	-	4	"
Eight " "	-	3	"
One other has "	-	2	"
Six others have "	-	1	"

Appropriations to the Southern Illinois Conf.

A table of amounts received from the various general funds.

Year.	Missionary.	S. S. Union.	Tract.	Chartered Fund.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Book Concern.
1852	$1,675	$	During these years reports were printed only in aggregate, not by conferences.	$6	$	$	$169
1853	1,700			76			
1854	1,450	255 62		35			
1855	1,35	131 15		37			
1856	1,430	159 50		3			
1857	1,500	75 00		29			
1858	712	109 3		27			
1859	80	225 10		25			
1860	800	311 99		25			
1861	400	289 26		25			
186		145 93	$ 8 00	25			
1863	500	152 50	5 50	3			400
1864	539	152 09	13 00	3			400
1865	1,200	238 66	23 50	25			
1866	2,000	216 00	8 75	3			
1867	2,000	485 20	47 50	27			
1868	1,555	249 70	115 65	2	25		
1869	1,600	169 25	123 80	30			
1870	1,300	114 80	169 50	3			
1871	1,400	108 00	115 3	3	200		
1872	1,400	33 00	65 50	35			
1873	1,400	129 75	90 50	40	350		
1874	1,400	52 25	74 65	35	450		
1875	800	9 67	87 49	30			
1876	600	23 80	62 15	30		50	
1877		19 50	63 40	3	452	50	
1878		49 63	44 50	30	125	50	
1879		17 48	59 00	30	250	50	
188		36 00	89 30	30	175	50	
1881		42 00	80 53	30	400	100	
1882	3,000	26 96	39 65	30	250	200	19
1883		12 13	34 63	30	525	300	179
1884				30	200	75	181
	$32,502	$4041 23	$1421 80	$1,032	$3,627	$925	$1,524

NOTES.

MISSIONARY.

In addition, the German work within our Conference received as follows:

1857, - -	$1,750 00
1858, - -	1,150 00
1859, - -	1,535 00
1860, - -	1,510 00
1861, - -	1,300 00
1862, - -	1,350 00
1863, - -	1,100 00
Total, - -	$ 9,695 00
English work,	32,502 99
Grand total,	$42,197 00

CHURCH EXTENSION.

In addition, the following loans have been received:

1878, - -	$200 00
1879, - -	400 00
1881, - -	250 00
1882, - -	1,000 00
1883, - -	500 00
1884, - -	100 00
Total, - -	$2,450 00

Paid to Missionary Society since 1852, - -	$161,669
Received from Missionary Society since 1852, -	32,502
Balance to our credit, -	$129.567
Paid to S. S. Union since 1854,	16,391
Received from S. S. Union since 1854, - -	4.041
Balance to our credit, -	$12,350

Paid to Tract Society since 1862,	$5.772
Received from Tract Society since 1862, - -	1,421
Balance to our credit, -	$4,351
Paid to Church extension since 1866, - -	10,074
Received from Church extension since 1866, - -	3,627
Balance to our credit, -	$6.447
Paid to Board of Education since 1869, - -	4.657
Received from Board of Education since 1869, -	925
Balance to our credit. -	$3,732

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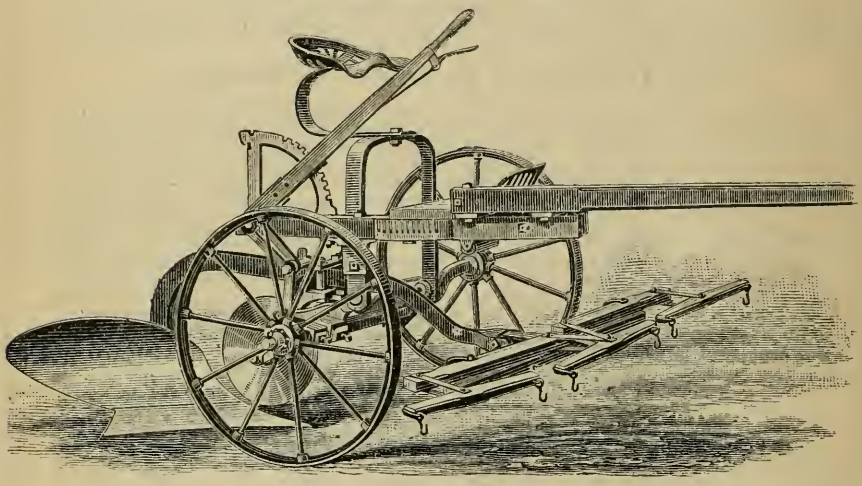

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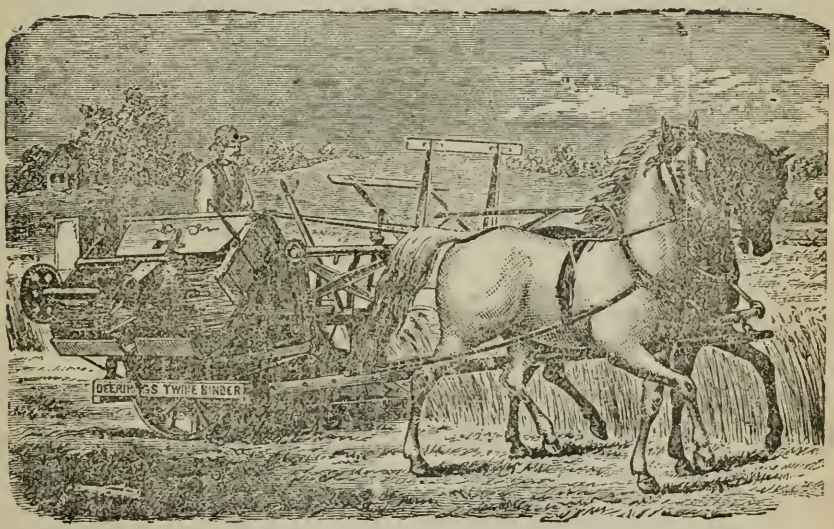

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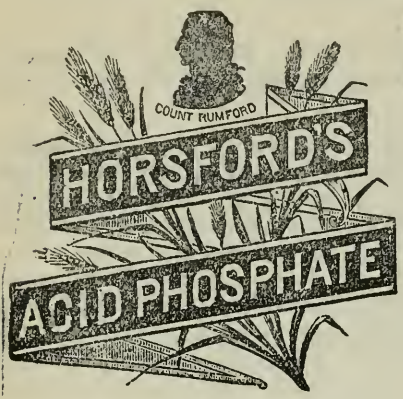

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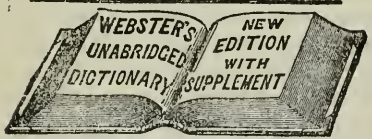

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